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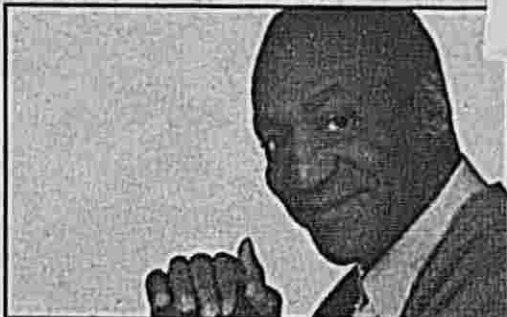
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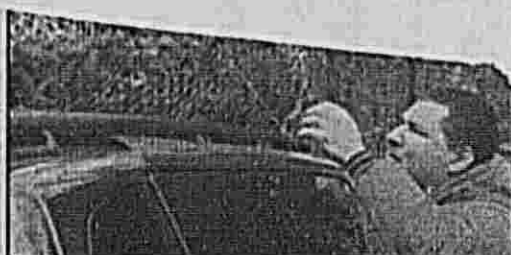
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Primetime performance art

Antioch resident
inspires others

By Matt Pera
Staff Reporter



Photo by John Dickson

George Sweeting, of Antioch, shows how he used a more relaxed style while painting his work titled "The Empty Tomb."

For most of his life, Dr. George Sweeting, of Antioch, has made it his business to inspire and encourage others.

He has written thirty books, traveled with the military as an independent speaker and artist, and currently has a five-minute radio spot on WMBI radio in Chicago called "Climbing High," which he said is picked up by about 225 stations around the country.

Obviously, motivation is not a problem for him.

"As a young man I felt called to help people," Sweeting said. "And I also had an artistic gift so I went to the Art Institute of Chicago. I thought of how I could unite art and also the trues of scripture. During my life I have always been trying to combine the two."

Sweeting, who just turned 80 years old, will convey that combination of art and religion in a performance at the Chain of Lakes Church, 43 Grass Lake Road, in Lake Villa on Dec. 9 at 11 a.m.

The presentation will be given to a group called the "Primetimers," a gathering of 125 local seniors from northern Illinois and southern Wisconsin that meets once a month.

Sweeting, who is also one of the group's organizers, will be making a religious pastel painting in front of the "Primetimers."

And the act is more than just standing in front of a canvas; it is an elaborate event.

Organist Harold De Cou, of Peoria, will accompany Sweeting as he paints.

The 54-by-40-inch picture is completed in 13 to 15 minutes. As he puts the finishing touches on the painting, Sweeting begins to sing with De Cou's playing and multi-colored lights hit the paint-

ing to create an incandescent zenith to the performance.

Sweeting also uses fluorescent chalk on portions of the picture, which are then exposed to black light beams that seem to make the artwork glow.

'I think one of the problems seniors have is fear ... fear of want, of sickness, of failure. So I will speak on having nothing to fear but fear itself.'

Dr. George Sweeting
Antioch resident

After the painting exhibition, Sweeting will give a 20-minute lecture that hearkens back to a famous speech by former President Franklin Roosevelt.

"I think one of the problems seniors have is fear," he said. "Fear of want, of sickness, of failure. So I will speak on having nothing to fear but fear itself."

The Dec. 9 meeting will be the

second session of Primetimers. At the first gathering on Nov. 11, Sweeting gave a talk on the importance of humor in the aging process. Burt Kettinger, one of Sweeting's friends, also sang with a recorded orchestra accompaniment.

Sweeting said the reaction from those in attendance was very positive.

"They so enjoyed it that many of them signed up for the next one right away," he said. "One man said 'I can go for the next month on the inspiration and the enthusiasm of this event.'"

Because space is limited, reservations are required and can be made by calling 847-838-0103.

Sweeting, who is also on the Chain of Lakes Church pastoral staff, said he has plans for the next several monthly Primetimer meetings, including various guest speakers and musicians.

"Our whole approach is to lift people up and make it something that will inspire them and something that will motivate them," he said.

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Tax rates may drop in villages

By Brenda Balin
Staff Reporter

For homeowners in Lake Villa and Lindenhurst, there is bad news and good news.

The bad news is that all government entities need more money, including the villages of Lake Villa and Lindenhurst.

The good news is that upcoming levy increases won't necessarily translate into increased taxes.

Lake Villa is asking for \$1,773,591, a 29 percent increase over last year's levy of \$1,370,261.

Because the increase exceeds 5 percent, a Truth-in-Taxation hearing will be held at the Village Hall on Wednesday, Dec. 8, at 7 p.m.

"The increased percentage reflects new growth," said Lake Villa Treasurer Lori Heitman.

The increase is expected to come from nearly \$10 million in increased equalized assessed valuation (EAV) from new construction. (EAV is equal to one-third of the market value of property.)

"I'm usually conservative in my estimates (of new construction)," Heitman said. The numbers she used to project the increase in EAV came from building permits that have already been pulled, and are based on projected completion dates.

In 2003, the total EAV for the village of Lake Villa was \$176,507,916.

Because the levy is expected to be spread out over a larger pool of taxpayers, the tax rate for the village portion of real estate taxes is expected to be around .782, the same as it was in 2002. The 2003 tax rate was slightly lower, at .778.

Heitman pointed out that the vil-

lage tax represents about 9.6 percent of the total real estate tax bill for residents in school districts 41 and 117.

Lindenhurst is keeping its levy request at the 5 percent increase limit, asking for \$788,378. Last year's levy was \$750,837. No hearing is required, because the request does not exceed the tax cap.

Lindenhurst's tax rate, last year, was .241. The village expects to maintain or decrease the rate this year.

Lindenhurst real estate taxes account for less than 2.5 percent of the total property tax paid by Lindenhurst residents.

Although housing starts are down from previous years, increased EAV will again account for much of the increased tax extension.

Last year, the village's total EAV was \$311,550,689. This year's projection is \$327,128,223.

Village Administrator Jim Stevens explained that "the extension is what you receive; the levy is what you ask for." Stevens presented a 20-year spreadsheet, depicting the village's history of tax extension, EAV and tax rate performance.

In the two-decade time span, the tax rate decreased every year except 1995 and 2003.

A similar history of Lake Villa's tax rates and extensions shows consistent drops in tax rates except in 1997, when the rate increased from .741 to .839 and in 2000, when it increased from .806 to .817.

Heitman noted that, barring individual increases in EAV, taxpayers have experienced a decrease in the village portion of their taxes over the past few years.

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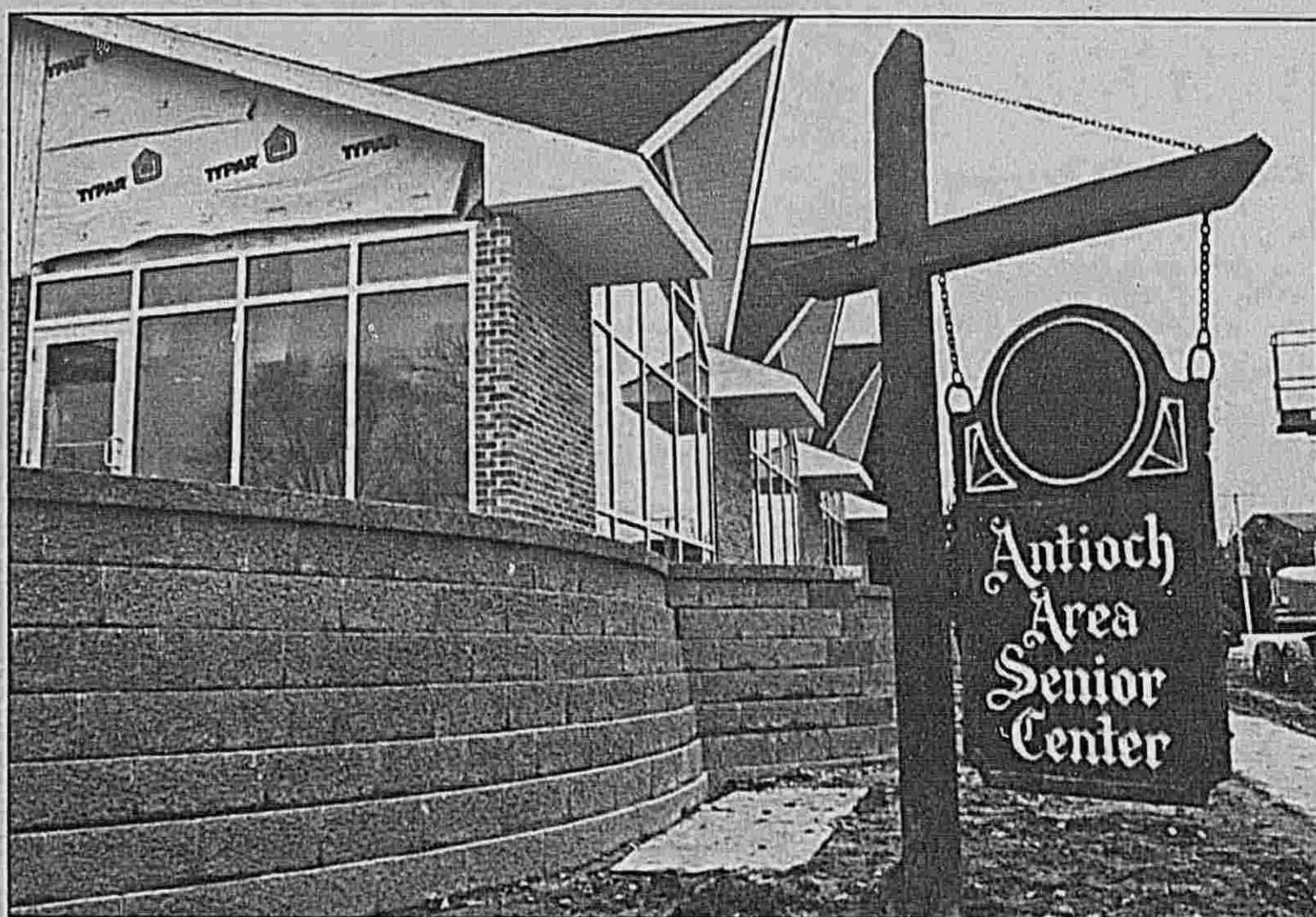
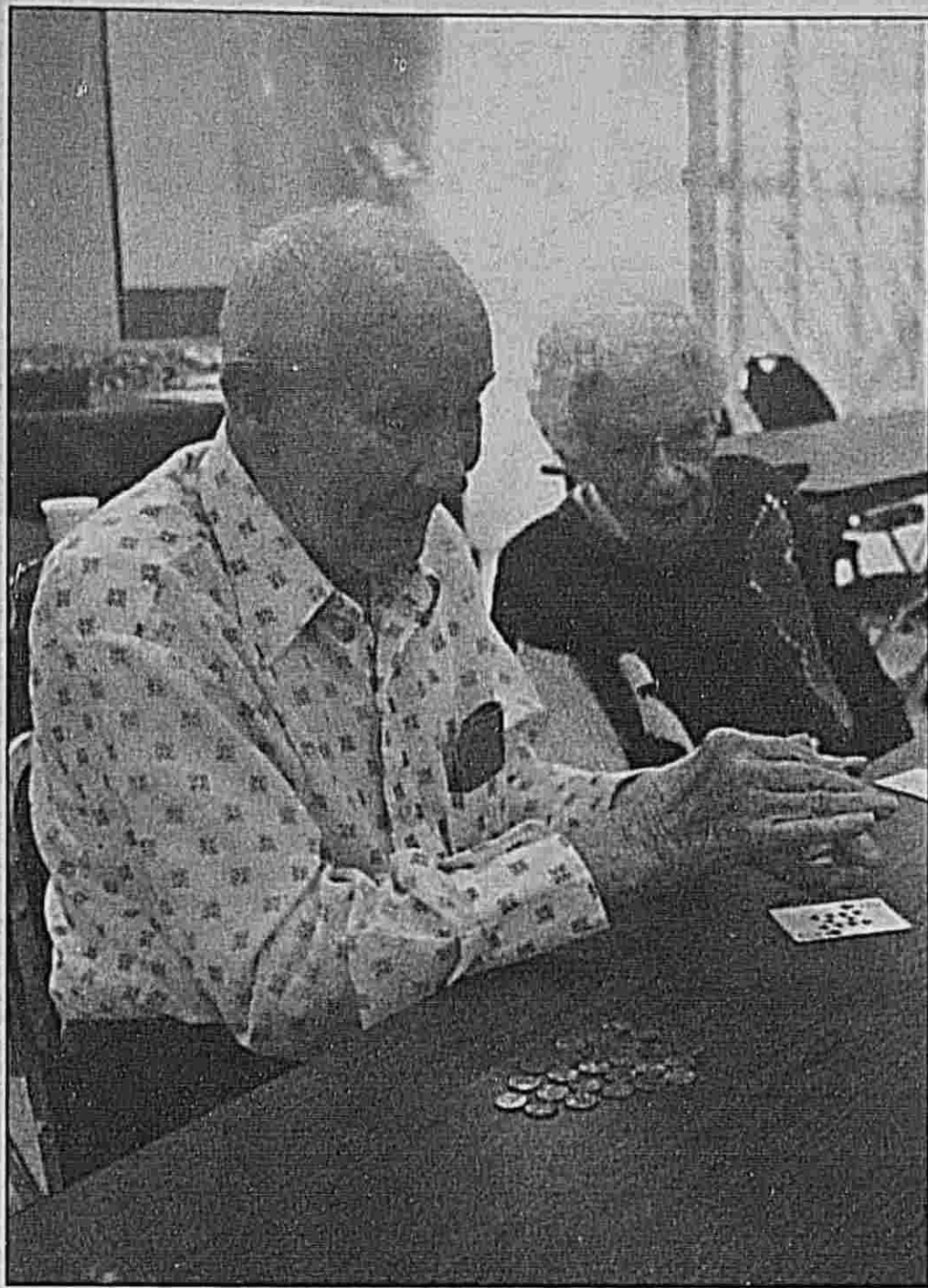
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(above) Construction on the 2,000-square-foot addition to the Antioch Senior Center is expected to be completed by Christmas. (left) Cecil Dodd and Cathy Foy play a game at the Antioch Senior Center as construction on a 2,000-square-foot addition continues behind them. The addition was made possible through an estate left by former senior center regular Dolly Speiring.

Fine Arts Council hosts 1st concerts

Since last year, area residents have found more reasons to stay home, as the Greater Lindenhurst/Lake Villa Area Fine Arts Council brings more cultural experiences to the immediate area.

This month, music comes to town on Saturday, Dec. 18, at 7:30 p.m. when the Waukegan Concert Chorus inaugurates a three-concert series, the first ever to be hosted by the fine arts council.

The chorus, conducted by Sylvanus Tyler, will usher in the holiday season with a festive performance featuring Sousa, "Christmas in the Southwest," Benjamin Britten's Christmas masterpiece and the Christmas Choruses from "The Messiah" by Handel.

The concert will be held at Lakes Community High School, on Grass Lake Road, just east of Deep Lake Road.

Individual tickets are available for \$15 per concert.

Seniors, military, fine arts council members and students with identification pay \$10 per concert. A Season Subscription ticket is available for \$40. There is also a family ticket (advance ticket sale only) for \$30 for any combination of one or two adults and up to

four children.

Tickets are non-refundable. All exchanges will be honored, if possible for the same or different concert at same value.

The Waukegan Concert Chorus was established as a community chorus in 1976 to sing with the Waukegan Symphony Orchestra in a performance of Verdi's Requiem. It has toured to such prestigious venues as Lincoln Center and Carnegie Hall. It was honored as the first community choral group to perform at the Ravinia Festival with the Ravinia Festival Orchestra.

The Waukegan Concert Chorus also joined the Chicago Symphony Orchestra Chorus for a performance and recording of Mahler's Symphony No. 8, the Symphony of a Thousand under the direction of Maestro Eshenbach.

In its 26th anniversary year, Sylvanus Tyler III joined the WCC as its new music director.

The three-concert series also includes Steven Suvada, classical guitarist, on Saturday, Jan. 22, at 7:30 p.m. and Olga Bornovalova, concert pianist, on Saturday, March 19, at 7:30 p.m.

For more information, contact the Greater Lindenhurst/Lake Villa Area Fine Arts Council office at 847-265-5713.

Antioch's center of attention

By Matt Pera

Staff Reporter

It seems appropriate that the new 2,000-square-foot addition to the Antioch Senior Center, at 817 Holbeck Drive, is expected to be completed sometime around Christmas.

After all, it was the giving spirit that made it possible.

Four years ago Dolly Speiring, who had been a member of the senior center for 22 years, passed away. In her will, she left the center \$1.5 million for improvements and upkeep.

"(Speiring) came twice a week," Antioch Senior Center Director Paul Howard said. "She had no heirs and we didn't realize she was well off. There was no contemplation that this person had a significant estate. It's been amazing."

The addition, which is on the west side of the building, will include pool and bumper pool tables, a big-screen television for

movies, a patio, an extension for the kitchen and a basement that will house equipment for ceramics classes.

The construction began in May and Howard said the addition is about two and a half weeks away from completion.

Last January, Howard said the center had bids from about 18 different contractors to build the addition. Because there were so many bidders, the center had the luxury of finding a very reasonable price for the construction.

"So many people bid that the lowest one that came in with a reputable company was \$355,000," Howard said. "There was a lot of competition among contractors to bid in it and win the bid. We were the fortunate ones due to the competition."

Carmichael Construction, of Marengo, is now putting the final touches on the building.

Antioch architect Allen Belli drew up the plans for the addition.

"(Belli) did a terrific job in the

architectural work and also communicating with us," Howard said. "We've been pretty blessed."

A little drywall work, some painting and a new floor are the only major things left to do before the addition is completely done, Howard said.

Since the construction began, Howard said the members of the senior center have not been inconvenienced by the work.

"They understand the way of the world," he said. "There was some inconvenience but as long as things are moving forward they don't mind. And it's going to look beautiful. You can already see that it's gorgeous."

As the work winds down, Howard said members are becoming excited to take advantage of the new facilities that will become available during the holidays.

"It should be one heck of a Christmas," he said.

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LECC launches 12th annual 'Gift of Giving'

By Brenda Balin

Staff Reporter

For the 12th consecutive year, Frank Davis, director of the Lindenhurst Early Childhood Center, is spearheading a multifaceted holiday effort to get the community involved with helping children in need, and their families, during the holiday season.

This year's "Gift of Giving"

program has four major components.

First, there will be a "new toys" box located at the school, at 309 Granada Blvd., just south of Grand Avenue until Dec. 21.

This box is for new toys to be distributed on Christmas Eve to sick and injured children in 35 area hospitals. Last year, when a "grinch" made off with 200 collected toys, media attention and public response produced over 7,000 new donations of toys. This allowed Davis and his partner, his father-in-law Jim Harney, of Chicago, to increase their regular toy distribution tenfold.

The overflow of donations of toys and cash prompted Davis and Harney to found the 100 Percent Foundation, with a mission to deliver 10 percent of all donations to children. Harney and Davis assume all the operational costs themselves, to keep the 1-to-1 ratio of gifts in-gifts out.

The second phase of the "gift of Giving" is another collection box at the school, labeled "clothing and toys." The used toys and clothing collected here will be given to Open Arms Mission, Christopher House, Allendale, Safe Place, P.A.D.S. The Haven, Winchester House and Olive Branch.

Some of the clothing will be delivered to homeless people in Chicago during December and January. Last year, over 30 vanloads of items were delivered. This collection will end on Dec. 20.

A holiday tree in the school hallway will be decorated with wish lists from children on the Lake County Foster Care system and local P.A.D.S. Last year, 150 wishes were granted, as community members stepped up to "Adopt an Angel."

Finally, the community is asked to bring donations of toiletries and canned food, no later than Dec. 10, to be packed into gift baskets. The LECC children will be packing the baskets to be delivered to Lake Villa Township and Avon Township food pantries, Lake County Housing Authority, Open Arms Mission, The Haven and DCFS. Last year, the children, assisted by students from Viking School in Gurnee, packed and distributed over 300 care boxes. This year's goal is to make and deliver 350 baskets.

Drop-off hours are Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

For further information, call 847-727-3885.

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Progressive painting at Hope Church

"Looking at Christmas Through the Eyes of an Angel" will be presented as a Sunday series for the month of December at Hope Community Church in Lake Villa. Highlighting the series will be a live progressive painting constructed by internationally known artist Rosemarie Adcock.

The 4-foot-by-6-foot canvas will be painted in sections during December's Sunday morning services, and on Friday, Christmas Eve, as the series and the painting progress to completion.

The artist is the founder and

president of the charitable organization, Arts for Relief and Missions (ARM). Adcock has painted in oils live during Good Friday performances at such places as the historic Moody Church in Chicago and at other locations in this country and in Europe.

Hope Community Church meets at the new Lakes Community High School auditorium on Grass Lake Road at Deep Lake Road in Lake Villa.

The series will begin Sunday, Dec. 5, at 9:30 a.m. For more information, call 847-265-0551.

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School tours

The Lake Villa C.C. District 41 school board has been touring the schools at a rate of one each month, beginning with Thompson, in October, and Martin, in November. The remaining tours, at 6 p.m. on each date, are Palombi (Dec. 8), Hooper (Jan. 12) and Pleviak (Feb. 23). No official board business is taking place at the time of the tours.

Winter concerts

The Martin School Concert Band's Winter Concert will be held on Wednesday, Dec. 8 at 7 p.m. Millburn School will hold its Red/White Band Holiday Concert on Thursday, Dec. 9, at 7 p.m., in the East Gym.

Movie Night

The next District 41 PTO Movie Night will be held on Saturday, Dec. 11, at Martin School (Dering Lane, off Route 59, north of

Grand Avenue). Admission is \$5 per student, and \$1 for snacks. Admission is limited to District 41 students in grades K-6. Parents drop off students at 6 p.m. and pick them up promptly at 8:30 p.m.

LCHS performances

Students at Lake Community High School, on Grass Lake Road, just east of Deep Lake Road, will be offering two performing arts events this month.

From Thursday-Sunday, Dec. 9-12, at 7 p.m. nightly, there will be free performances of the play "I Remember Mama," a story, both funny and touching, of a Swedish immigrant family at the turn of the century.

On Thursday, Dec. 16, at 7 p.m., a free holiday concert will be held.

Students from the school's brass band performed a selection of Christmas songs at the November Holiday Luncheon held by the Lindenhurst-Lake Villa Chamber of Commerce.

Lakes Area Community Band performs at new school

Lakes Area Community Band will be presenting its annual Christmas Concert Monday, Dec. 13, at 7:30 p.m., in the new Lakes Community High School Auditorium, 1600 Eagle Way, Lake Villa (northeast corner of Grass Lake Road and Deep Lake Road).

Selections will include many traditional favorites by Irving Berlin, Leroy Anderson, Tchaikovsky and others, as well as some exciting new pieces. There will also be a guest appearance by members of the Lakes Area Community Chorus.

Admission is free, and refreshments will be

served after the concert.

Under the direction of Steve Porch, Lakes Area Community Band is a 40-member, not-for-profit group of musicians from the area who volunteer their time and talents purely for the love of making music.

Formed over 12 years ago and sponsored by Festival Arts of Antioch, the band rehearses every Monday evening from 7-9 p.m., and performs 8-10 free concerts per year.

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ANTIOCH

No valid driver's license

Amber L. Lonski, 20, of 4226 Orange St., Delavan, Wis., was arrested by Antioch Police on Nov. 28, at 11:43 p.m., while driving westbound on Route 173 near Crawford. She was observed driving 83 mph in a 55-mph zone. Her Wisconsin driver's license was suspended. She was charged with speeding and driving without a valid license. She was released on an I-bond, pending an appearance in Grayslake Branch III court, on Jan. 12, at 10:30 a.m.

Victor Munoz, 24, of 512 Longview Drive, Antioch, was arrested by Antioch Police on Nov. 25, at 8:18 p.m., while driving on Orchard Street near Toft Avenue. He was charged with driving without a valid license, improper lane usage and driving with an invalid registration. Plates on the 1993 Ford Thunderbird were registered to a 1996 Honda.

He was released on an I-bond, pending an appearance in Grayslake Branch III court, on Dec. 22, at 9 a.m.

Driving with a revoked license

Terry R. Robinson, 42, of 38845 N. Gilliam, Lake Villa, was arrested by Antioch Police on Nov. 21, at 3:08 a.m., while driving westbound on Route 173 near Route 59. Police had located the driver following a complaint of a possible DUI, because the driver's blue 1999 Jeep Wrangler was seen weaving across the centerline. The driver was charged with driving with a revoked license and improper lane usage. He had been stopped and charged with the same offenses the day before, at 3:53 p.m., while driving southbound on Route 83, north of 173. He was released on an I-bond, pending an appearance in Grayslake Branch III court, on Dec. 8, at 9 a.m.

LAKE VILLA

Battery

Craig G. Chaney, 24, of 314 Glenwood Drive, Bloomington, was arrested by Lake Villa Police on Nov. 20, at 11:40 p.m., at Nutties Bar, 65 W. Grand Ave., Lake Villa. Police came to the scene in response to a report of a man with a gun. Four men were holding down the suspect when police arrived. One, a 24-year-old Morton Grove man, said he was leaving the bar parking lot when Chaney pulled in, almost colliding with him. He attempted to speak with Chaney, who did not reply, but reportedly punched the man on the ear. Chaney allegedly said, "You feel this. I got a gun." Chaney was charged with battery, and released with a notice to appear at Branch III court in Grayslake, on Dec. 8, at 1:30 p.m. He admitted to drinking, and registered .115 BAC on a PBT. He was released after agreeing not to drive.

DUI ARRESTS

The following people have been arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs

Kristen L. Polheber, 23, of 27584 W. Lakeshore Drive, Spring Grove, was arrested by Antioch Police on Nov. 28, at 2:06 a.m., while driving a white 1998 Oldsmobile SUV northbound on Route 83 near 173. She failed field sobriety tests, and a breath test yielded a result of .156 BAC. She was charged with improper lane usage, operating left of center, DUI and DUI over .08 BAC. She was released on an I-bond, pending an appearance in Waukegan courtroom C-402, on Jan. 4, at 9 a.m.

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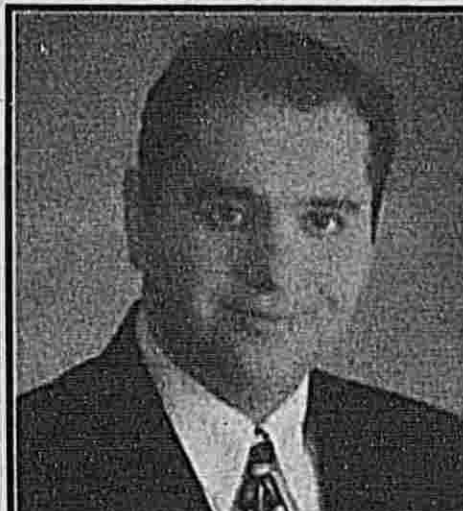


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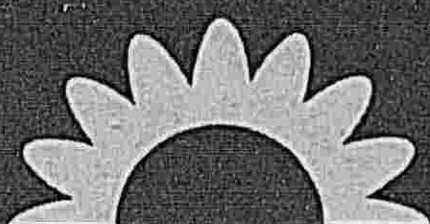


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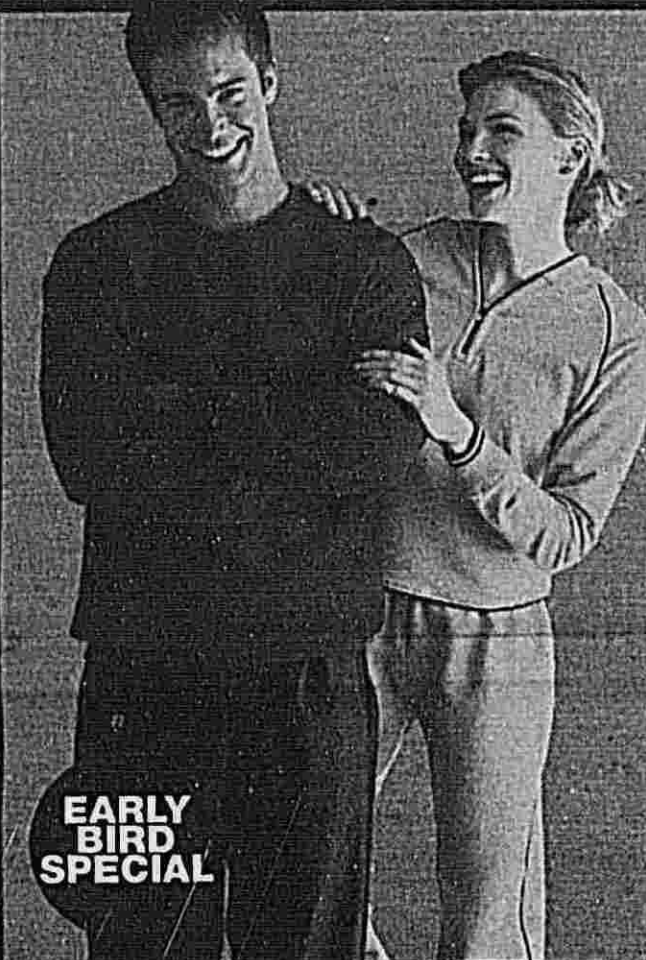
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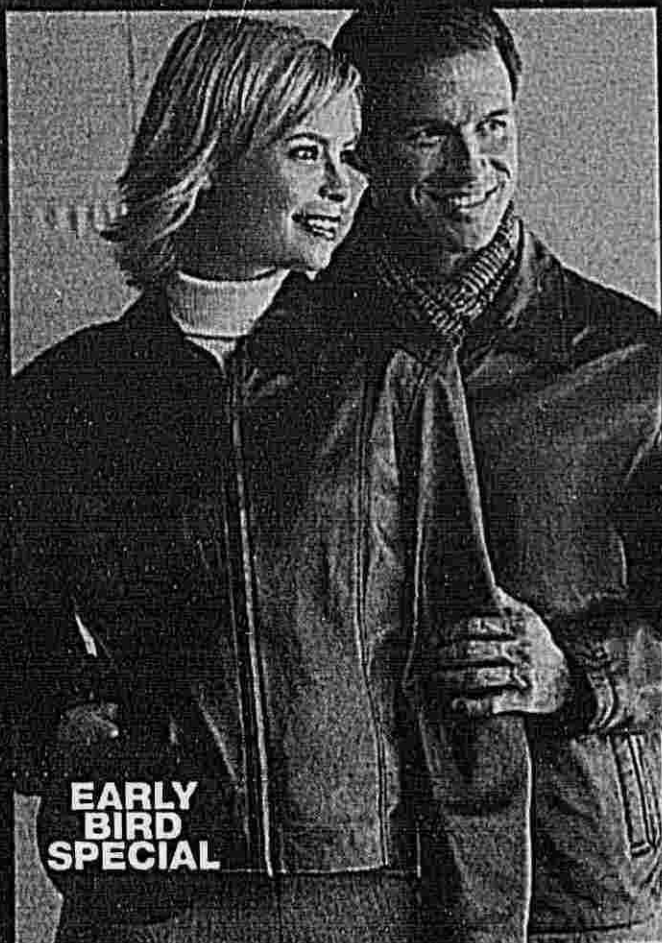
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Dist. 37 copes with uphill battle on finances, buildings

By Steve Peterson

Staff Reporter

Gavin District 37 officials outlined a period of lack of fiscal control followed by inherited problems with Gavin Central and Gavin North school sites.

Superintendent Marge Fostiak said research through the Illinois State Board of Education's Web site showed Gavin has had deficits since at least 1997-2002. The district is on the state school watch list.

"A history of overspending occurred since the 1996-97 school year," she said.

Gavin, a district mostly of single-family homes in Ingleside, had a \$1.2 million shortfall in 1997; \$200,000 in 1997-98; \$1,248,555 in 1998-99; \$324,099 in 1999-00; \$28,768 in 2000-01 and \$514,802 in 2001-02. Fostiak was hired in July, 2002 to replace retiring superintendent J. Michael Maloney.

"I had to tell the board that there was major overspending and we have to stop this, as much as possible. Any cuts should have been in place since April. The next April, we initiated \$500,000 in cuts, cutting back people and programs such as reduced music," Fostiak said.

Part of the costs were paying two superintendents for one year, Maloney's final year with the district. Three principals have been cut back to two and there are no assistant principals.

Fostiak noted that there has been almost total turnover of the school board since 1997. Only one member dates back to 1998.

"We went without if necessary and told the taxpayers what we were committed to. There weren't very prudent spending practices," Fostiak said.

Connie Thorsen, the present school board president, said she was shocked to find out the extent of the financial troubles and went over the monthly statement month by month.

School officials said they have been hesitant in the past to blame previous board, like them they are volunteers trying to do what is

best for the community.

Meanwhile, the school officials are defending their decisions of recent months to tear down and rebuild at Gavin Central site for more than 650 students and staff.

Fostiak said this recommendation came from a committee of citizens and months of study by the board. Gavin is seeking \$5 million in a lawsuit from Boller Construction and Legat Architects over construction woes at closed Gavin Central School. The building was completed in 1996, but only had a temporary permit. Other problems include switching from a two truss system to a one truss system at mid-construction and poor HVAC and problems with the building's columns.

"There is no way that \$225,000 could fix the problem," Fostiak said.

That figure is only for truss repairs, not school relocation costs. Former Gavin Central and North students now attend Gavin South or Lakes Community High School.

District officials would like to have a decision on housing for 2005-06 at the next school board meeting, Dec. 14.

Also, district professionals have said there is no way to guarantee that there are not other problems still there.

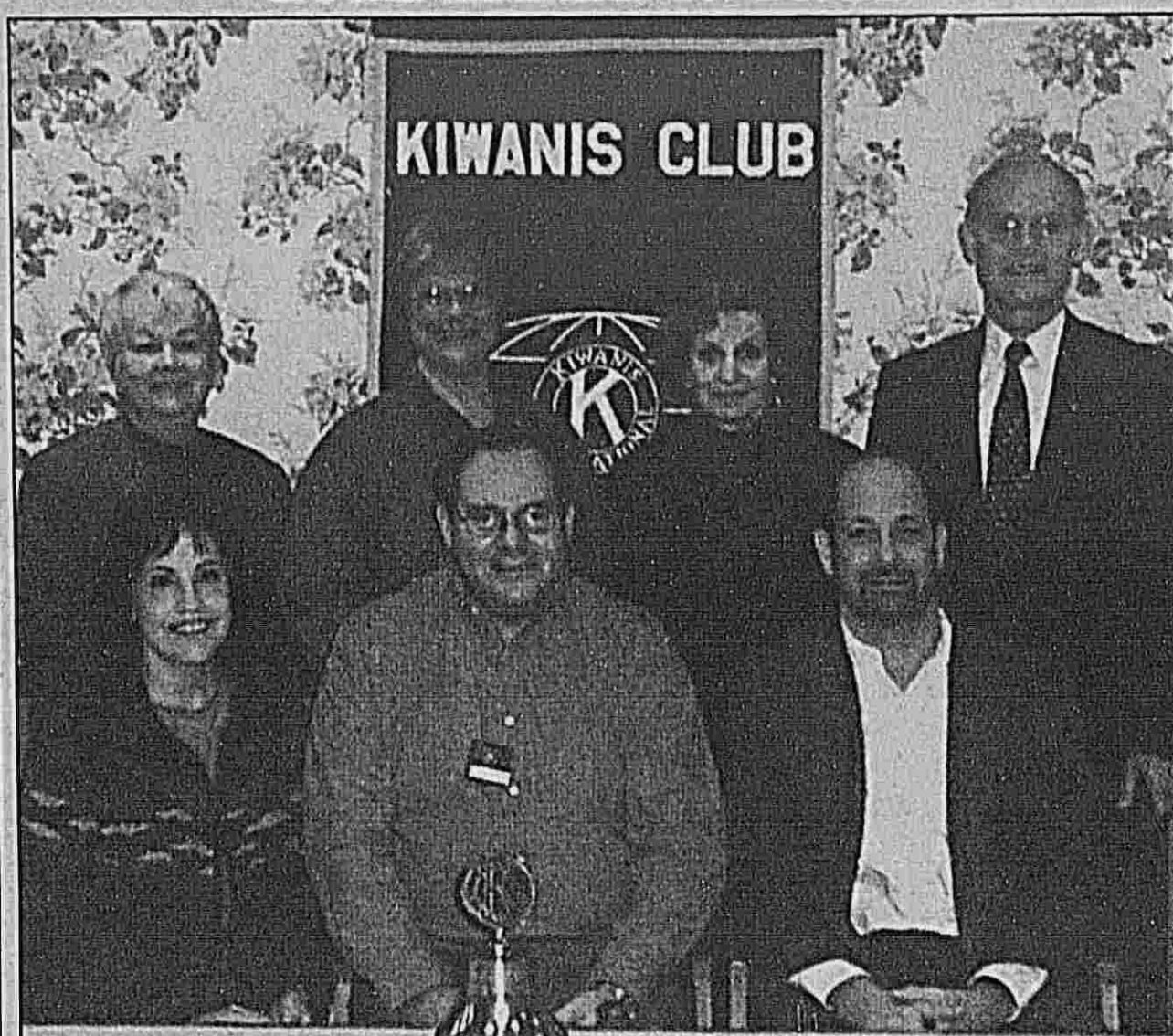
"Gavin has repeatedly requested, but never received, either detailed plans, specifications, and/or calculations from Boller Construction Company justifying its proposed repairs to any of the 19 Gavin Central School construction deficiencies enumerated in the complaint (lawsuit) against Boller," Fostiak said in a letter to the Capital Development Board.

Fostiak defended the appraisal used to sell the building to Lake Villa Township. She said this was the best option, as people did not wish commercial or residential uses at the 6.9 acre site. The agreed-to price of \$525,000 was a mid-range price.

"The superintendent has the responsibility of making sure the building is safe," Thorsen said.

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LOCAL LEADERS ON BOARD



Pictured here, new officers and board members of the Kiwanis Club of Lindenhurst-The Lakes Area, front row, l-r: Secretary Connie Barszcz (vice president of State Bank of the Lakes); President Robert Styrkiewicz (director and owner of Lake Villa Allstate Insurance) and Treasurer Jordan Luhr (vice president of development and public relations for Allendale Association). Back row, l-r: new board member June Goss (vice president for investments at North Shore Trust and Savings); continuing board member Virgie Brown (manager of Linden Plaza); continuing board member Patricia Cox (retired grant administrator for Lake County) and Immediate Past President Phillip Rovang (director of planning, building and development for Lake County). Not in photo: board members Angie Bush (superintendent of recreation for Lindenhurst Park District) and Ted Summers (retired Allstate salesperson).

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Santa Claus and his elves ride in a carriage during the annual Christmas lights parade on Main Street through downtown Antioch.

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Antioch catches holiday spirit

By Matt Pera

Staff Reporter

Hundreds of people lined the streets of Antioch last Saturday night to watch the holiday season officially ushered in at the 29th annual Christmas tree lighting and parade downtown.

Lights and seasonal decorations adorned the trees and storefront windows along Main Street on a cold November night as the parade made its way to the village hall.

Antioch Special Events Coordinator Billie Horton said the annual event serves as a sign of the village's family atmosphere.

"Antioch really does participate," she said.

"Antioch is a family-oriented village. All the events are geared toward families."

The parade included a variety of local businesses and celebrities, many of whom tossed candy toward the curbs. Children raced around the street plucking up the goodies with gloved hands and stuffing them into their pockets.

And, while they obviously enjoyed the candy, it was apparent that they were waiting for one person in particular.

Finally, at the end of the parade, on a white horse-drawn carriage, they got their wish when Santa Clause passed by laughing and waving.

Some kids jumped up and down yelling "Santa!" while others seemed too awestruck to do anything other than look on in amazement.

After the parade, everyone gathered in the

front of the village hall for the Christmas tree lighting.

Township trustee Bob Caulfield began the ceremony by reading a decree comparing the lights on the tree to "the warmth of the holiday season."

The lights were then lit as the crowd cheered and a choir sang "Oh, Christmas Tree."

The tree has become a symbol of the Antioch community over the years, as several families make ornaments to decorate it each Christmas.

The Saldivas are one such family. Joan Saldivar and her sons Andrew and Josh walked around the tree hunting for the latest ornament they created.

"We do one every year," Joan said.

After they find their ornament, they walk down the street to Santa's Palace on Toft Avenue.

Andrew said he wasn't sure what he was going to ask for, but didn't have to think long before coming up with his favorite part of the parade and tree lighting.

"The candy," he said.

Antioch has several more events coming up in the next month, including Christmas trolley rides and Holiday Lights of Antioch, in which neighborhoods coordinate decorations.

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Township, village collaborate in park effort

By Matt Pera

Staff Reporter

Children in Antioch will soon have a lot more space to play, as the construction of two new parks is slated to start within the next year.

The Antioch Township Board, in conjunction with the village board, has put together a plan in which the development of 30 acres of land on Rena Avenue and 80 acres on Depot Street will begin this coming fall.

The township received a \$680,000 Oslad Grant in September, which allowed them to purchase the land on Rena as well as 40 acres on Depot. The village then donated another 40 acres that it owned to create a township/village co-op.

Village trustee and Intergovernmental Park Committee member Dorothy Larson said the cooperation between the township and the village played an integral role in getting the plans off the ground.

"That's been crucial," she said. "From the beginning we have had an excellent relationship with the township. That has been the most important factor in working through all the details."

The park on Depot Street will be called Tim Osmond Sports Park, in honor of the late state representative, who served the 61st District for several years.

Antioch township trustee and park committee member Claudette Skvarce said the complex will contain six football fields, six baseball and softball fields, basketball courts, a running and walking trail around the property and a bike trail.

She said it was important to both the township and the village to name the park after Osmond, who also served on the township board, was the township supervisor and worked on the Antioch Rescue Squad.

"He has done a wonderful job working in community for many years," she said. "And the board is very excited and very honored to have the park named after him."

The park on Rena Street will be named after the late Vern Thelen, who owned Thelen Sand and Gravel in Antioch.

Township board member Kevin Schouder said Thelen's company, which is still family-owned, is donating the engineering and excavating efforts to the creation of both parks.

Raymond Chevrolet of Antioch is also donating a \$49,000 SSR convertible pickup truck in order to raise funds for the parks.

Raffle tickets will be on sale in January, costing \$20 a piece or 6 for \$100.

Schouder, who also works at Raymond Chevrolet, said the parks are an absolute necessity to the Antioch community.

"We're already having to turn kids away from different programs now," he said. "There is no space any more; there are not enough fields. The school district let us use the land they had, but they're putting additions on now for more classrooms."

"Working with the village board and township, we have come up with a good plan."

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Community involvement:
I want to start an ad hoc bus development committee

What I like best about my town:
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Hobbies:
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Favorite movie:
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Favorite sports team:
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BIRTHS

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Eduardo Carmona Perez, a son, was born Nov. 18 at Victory Hospital in Waukegan to Gabina Carmona and Amelia Perez of Waukegan. His sister is Ahily Carmona age 6. Grandparents are Francisco Carmona, Eva Carmona, Enedina Aguilar and Asuncion Perez, all of Mexico.

Cella Varghese Palamalai, a daughter, was born Nov. 8 at Victory Memorial Hospital in Waukegan, to Varghese and Soosy Palamalai of Gurnee. Her brothers are Albin, 6 and Benson, 1. Grandparents are Paily and Sosamma Palamalai of Gurnee

Alessandra Josephine Ruder, a daughter, was born Sept. 21 at Lake Forest Hospital to Amy and Steve Ruder. Her sister is Hunter, age 8. Grandparents are Kathy and Frank Ruder of Vernon Hills and Luci and Larry Petrich of Mundelein.

Zackaria Faiz Wigginton, a son, was born Sept. 23 at Lake Forest Hospital to Perry and Samira Wigginton. His grandparents are Jane and John Qualmann of Antioch and Malika and Abdellah Faiz Morrocco.

Matthew Christopher Savage, a son, was born Sept. 22, at Lake Forest Hospital to Christopher and Katrin Savage of Lake Villa. Grandparents are Shawn and Debbie Savage of Bristol, Wis. and Richard and Alice Patko of Chicago.

Samuel Dale Garwal, a son, was born Sept. 16 at Condell Medical Center in Libertyville to John and Brenda Garwal of Libertyville. His siblings are James 3, and Madilyn, 2. Grandparents are Jim and Elaine Moeller of Crete and Carole Garwal of Libertyville. Great grandparents are Melinda Van Swol of Crete and Louise Potempa of Olympia Fields.

Russ Matthew Pugh, a son, was born Sept. 16 at Condell Medical Center in Libertyville to Steve and Paige Pugh of Grayslake. His sister is Elle, age 2. Grandparents are Ruthann and Ken Metz of Springfield, Ohio; Martin and Nancy Ross of Springfield, Ohio and Tom and Eileen Pugh of Iron Mountain, Mich. Great grandparents are Ruth and Walter Theis of Charleston, SC; Ruth Asplund of Florence, Wis.; Margaret Pugh of Campbellsport, Wis. and Janet Metz of Springfield, Ohio.

Daniel Martin Schmelz, a son, was born Sept. 17 at Condell Medical Center in Libertyville to Nicole and Norbert Schmelz of Gurnee. His brother is David, age 2. Grandparents are Bruce and Erna Wallace of LaValle, Wis. and Peter and Helga Schmelz of Friedrichafen, Germany. Great grandparent is Emogene Wallace of West Chicago.

Dylan Shamrock, a son, was born Sept. 27 at Condell Medical Center in Libertyville to Jason and Nicole Shamrock of Lake Villa. His brother is Devon age 27 months. Grandparents are Sandy and Larry Burke of Lake Villa and Len and Sue Shamrock of Gurnee; Great grandparents are Virginia and Walter Winkowski of Gurnee and Mildred Garrity of Wadsworth.

Michael-Jon L. Pascual, a son, was born Sept. 28, at Condell Medical Center in Libertyville to John Joseph and Eufemia Pascual of Round Lake Heights. His siblings are John Christopher, 8 and Jann-Megan 6. Grandparents are Enriqueta and Jaime Llaguno of Philippines and Leonila and Erenesto Pascual of Philippines.

Camila Viviana Vazquez, a daughter, was born Sept. 17 at Condell Medical Center in Libertyville to Yolanda and Wenceslaw Vazquez of Waukegan. Her siblings are Yanet 14 and Giovanni 9. Grandparents are Margarito and Maria Avila of Waukegan and Crecenciano and Maria Vazquez of Mexico

CALENDAR

Friday, December 3

Now-Dec. 12, "Honk!" performed at the PM&L Theatre is a musical, updated version of "The Ugly Duckling" Call 847-395-3055 or go to www.honk.com to reserve tickets.

7:30 a.m., Lake County Chamber of Commerce net-workers meet in Gurnee. Call 847-249-3800.

8 p.m. Solo Singles Club (40+) meets at Gale St. Inn, 906 Diamond Lake Rd. Call 847-970-9433 for info.

Saturday, December 4

8:30 a.m., Singles Breakfast Group in Gurnee. Call Chuck 847-362-5458 to learn more about group.

Sunday, December 5

7-9 p.m., Open gym Sundays at Antioch Community High School, cost \$2, adults only.

9 a.m.-1 p.m., Breakfast with Santa and Craft Fair, held at Grass Lake School, 26177 W. Grass Lake Rd., Antioch. Call 847-395-1550 for more information.

2 and 4 p.m., "Hans Brinker's Christmas" at College of Lake Co. Call 847-543-2300 for tickets.

4 p.m., Holiday Concert at CLC, Instrumental and vocal, by the CLC Wind Ensemble, Choir of Lake County and the CLC Singers. The performance is free, but tickets are required. Call 847-543-2300.

Monday, December 6

12:45 p.m., Bingo held Mondays at The Antioch Senior Center. Call 847-395-7120 for details.

7 p.m., Sub-committee meetings of the Antioch Village Board. Committee meetings of the whole at 8 p.m. in the Board Room, Village Hall, 874 Main St.

7-9 p.m., Lakes Area Community Band rehearses at ACHS. Call Debbie Davis at 847-395-0272.

1 p.m., Prairie Pioneers #1081, an organization for the study of antiques and the preservation of heritage, meets in a private home. Call 847-223-4001.

7:30 p.m., Lake County Camera Club meets at Gurnee Senior Center. Call 847-856-1583.

7 p.m., Adult Children of Alcoholics support group meets at St. Lawrence Episcopal, Libertyville. Info. at 847-362-2110 or www.acoa-libertyville.org

Noon, Kiwanis Club meets at the Double Eagle Restaurant. Call Melissa at 847-489-8044 or e-mail her at mjrigoni@hotmail.com for information.

Tuesday, December 7

6-8 p.m., Bariatric Treatment Centers (BTC) hosts a dance & exercise class at Antioch Senior Center, 817 Holbeck Dr. Call Karen at 847-395-6244.

7-9 p.m., SOS Stepmoms meets locally. Call Tina at 847-543-4768 for details.

7:30 p.m., Lake County Coin Club meeting. Call Les at 847-662-1955 to learn more.

Wednesday, December 8

1 p.m., Antioch Woman's Club meets at the United Methodist Church. Call 847-395-4210 for details.

8 a.m., American Business Women's Association meets at Keller Williams Realty on Rt. 83. Call Nancy at 847-838-6500 for information.

6 p.m., CPR classes sponsored by Antioch Rescue Squad, held at the Squad Bldg., 835 Holbeck Dr. \$5. Call 847-395-5511 for more information.

10 a.m., Lake County Women's Club meets at State Bank of the Lakes, Grayslake. Please call Carol at 847-543-4353 for information.

9 a.m., Home Office Managers & Entrepreneurs meets in Gurnee. Call 847-367-7118 for details.

Thursday, December 9

7:30 p.m., Village of Antioch Planning & Zoning Board meets second Thursdays at the Municipal Bldg., 874 Main St. Call 847-395-1000 to confirm.

7:45-9 a.m., The Women's Referral Assn. meets second and fourth Thursdays at Grandma V's Restaurant (Rts. 45 & 176) Mundelein. One member per business category. Open to all women in business. Call Jeanne Silver at 847-367-1500.

6:30 p.m., NAMI/National Alliance for the Mentally Ill support group for families and friends meets at Lake County Health Department (LCHD), 3012 Grand Ave. Waukegan. Call LCHD at 847-377-8180 to learn more about this organization.

Friday, December 10

7-9 p.m., Divorced or separated support group, free childcare, held at Calvary Christian Center, 134 Monaville Rd., Lake Villa. Call 847-356-6181.

8-10 p.m., The Human Condition Group of Marijuana Anonymous meets at CLC in Grayslake. Call Joe at 262-862-6244 for more information.

Saturday, December 11

8:30 a.m., Singles (ages 55+) Breakfast Group meets weekly at In-Laws Restaurant, 720 Milwaukee Ave., Gurnee. Call Chuck 847-362-5458.

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HOMETOWNSPORTS

Chorazy selected to play in Aztec Bowl

Monmouth (Ill.) College Fighting Scots fullback Adam Chorazy (Carmel) has been selected to play for the American Football Coaches Association's Div. III all-star team that will represent the United States against the Mexican National Team in the 2004 Aztec Bowl. The game will be played on Dec. 11 at 4 p.m. in Cancun, Mexico.

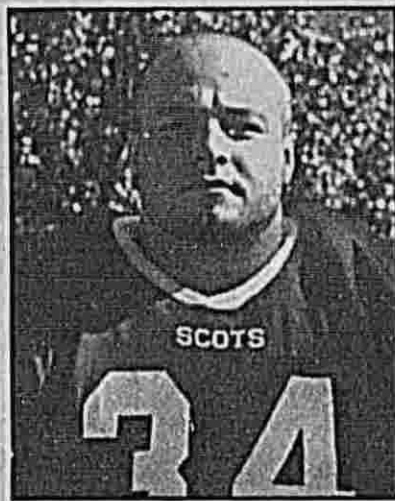
Chorazy was the lead blocker for a Scots offense that averaged 188 yards per game on the ground. Throughout his career, the 250-pounder was used like an NFL fullback, getting very limited carries.

"He wasn't selfish in that he wanted the ball all the time," praised MC coach Steve Bell. "It's a rare type of individual who will sacrifice his numbers for the good of the team. That's what really helped him with this selection."

Chorazy, though, was a favorite target of Scots' quarterbacks near the goal-line, as nine of his 22 career catches went for TDs. Chorazy wound up with 127 rushing yards had 239 receiving yards at Monmouth and did not lose yardage on any of his 32 career carries.

"Adam is one of the hardest-working guys on our football team," Bell said. "I'm happy for him that his hard work in the weight room and on the practice field has paid off."

Chorazy is one of 42 Div. III seniors from around the country who will make up this year's team. Former Central College head coach Ron Schipper will direct the team for



Chorazy

the eighth consecutive year.

"This is quite an honor," Bell said. "Monmouth has never had a player selected to be in the Aztec Bowl. Adam will represent our college very well."

The Aztec Bowl is the traditional season-ending game for Mexico's college football season. The game has been played 33 times since 1947 with the last seven contests featuring the United States-Mexico match-up. The United States leads the series 6-1. Mexico's lone victory came in

last year's game, which was also played in Cancun.

Chitwood Sports Media of Jefferson, Texas, will again provide a live Webcast of the Aztec Bowl. Announcers Charlie Chitwood and Ned Fratangelo will also provide 90-minute preview shows on Dec. 8-10. The shows will originate from the Team USA hotel and will begin each night at 6:30 p.m.

The preview shows and game Webcast can all be accessed via AFCA's Web site at www.afca.com and via the Aztec Bowl Web site at www.aztecbowl.com. Postgame results will also be available at www.afca.com.

Aztec Bowl alumni include current NFL players London Fletcher and Clint Kriewaldt. Fletcher, who played collegiately at John Carroll and was a member of the 1997 U.S. team, is a linebacker with the Buffalo Bills. In 1999, Kriewaldt was a fifth-round draft pick by the Detroit Lions out of Wisconsin-Stevens Point. He is currently a member of the Pittsburgh Steelers.

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The Lindenhurst Girls U-10 Comets soccer team

U-10 Comets hit hard, take division title

The Lindenhurst Comets made their first season in the IWSL a memorable one. Two weeks ago, the Comets were two games out in the standings. By winning their final three and getting some help from Wilmette, the Comets won the East division in the IWSL's "D" league.

The season finale took the Comets down to the Chicago Lakefront where they faced the Black squad. In the sixth minute, Kelsey Borders put the Comets up 1-0 with her 11th goal of the year. Six minutes later, Sadie Cozzi drove home her fourth goal of the season giving the Comets a 2-0 halftime lead.

With eight minutes to go in the game, Ellie Gallo scored her second goal of the year to

secure the Championship.

Jaclyn Brennan and Borders played in goal and combined for the team's sixth shutout of the year.

Throughout the season the Comets scoring was evenly distributed between Heather Hansen (2 goals), Sarah Klosterman (2 goals), Nicole Mogged (3 goals), Amanda Timmerman (3 goals) and Brennan (2 goals).

The defense was anchored by Meghan Busky, Paige Coddington and Taylor Wright. They combined to limit opponents to one goal in their final seven games, a span that would cover 360 minutes. The Comets end the season at 8-1-1 and a perfect 5-0-0 at their home field, dubbed "The Crater".

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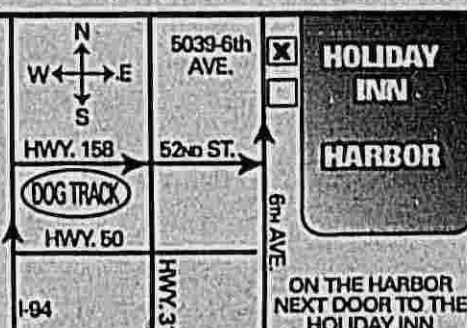
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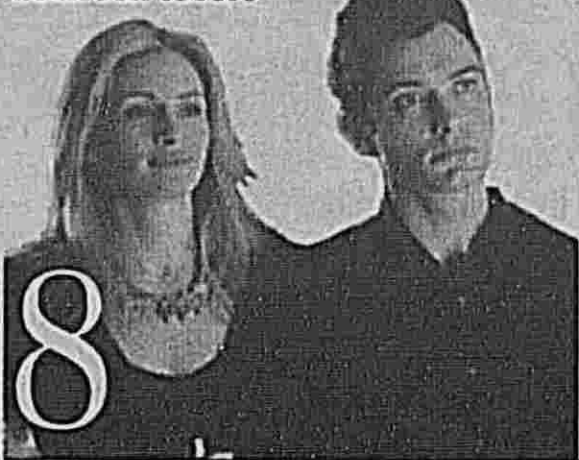
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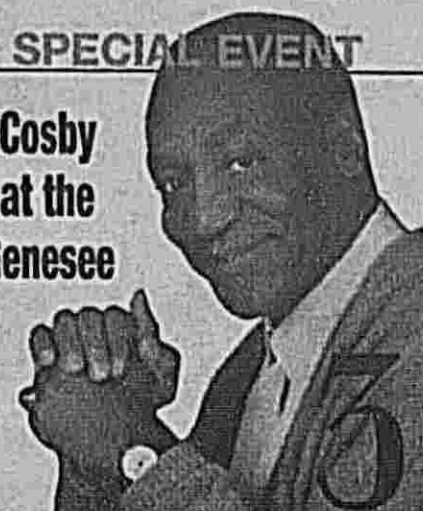
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There are a few Christmas tree farms in the area, one of which is the Gengel Christmas Tree Farm in Lake Villa. The family has been selling trees at Christmas time for about 30 years, according to Joanne Gengel.

The Gengels grow Scotch pines, white pines and a limited number of Douglas fir trees on their site of 60 acres, and any tree you cut down costs \$35.

In addition to the cut your own trees, the Gengels also offer Balsam firs that are grown on their property north in Wisconsin, where the trees flourish in the more appropriate soil. The pre-cut balsams are sold by the foot, but Gengel said they are reasonable. Family members recently cut down the balsams, so they can be counted on to be fresh as well, she said. The family cares for the trees throughout the growing season and have pruned them to enhance the natural shape. Pine trees grow about a foot a year, Gengel said, so many of the trees are six or seven feet tall, but many are taller.

By Ginny Skweres
Staff Reporter

Photos by
Sandy Bressner

Gengel encourages families to come out and enjoy the old tradition of cutting down the holiday tree, and then enjoy the fresh smell of pine in the house during the holidays. In addition to the children, some families even bring the family dog along for a hike through the wooded areas.

"Wear boots, and you can bring or borrow a saw," she said. Twine is available for tying down the tree. "We also have a cute little shop where people can buy hand-made ornaments or freshly baked chocolate chip cookies." If you want hot chocolate or coffee, bring it in a thermos, because there is no electricity out there.

The farm is open on weekends from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Gengel's daughter, Norene, and her helpers, will be around to help those who need it.

Signs point out the farm which is at 38614 Fairfield Road, west of Lake Villa and is halfway between Route 132 and Petite Lake Road. More information is available by calling 847-356-5661. There are three more Christmas tree farms in the area. They include Family Christmas Tree Farm and the Hooterville Christmas Tree Farm, both in Lake Villa, plus there is the Hayden Tree Farm in Antioch.

The Family Christmas Tree Farm offers 18 acres of Scotch and white pine trees.

"Pine trees stay the freshest and the 'choose and cut people' like to come early," said farm owner Ed Sullivan. "They are the best keepers."

For those who like balsam firs, the farm has those available already pre-cut, since they were grown in soil more to their liking. The cut your own trees cost \$38 and some are up to 15 feet tall. The pre-cut trees

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Above, Andy Butler drags his freshly-cut Christmas tree while also carrying daughter Jillian, 2 1/2, as his wife, Colleen, carries 7-month-old daughter Avery through the Gengel Christmas Tree Farm in Lake Villa. Left, wreaths and pre-cut Christmas trees are also available at the Gengel Christmas Tree Farm in Lake Villa. Right, Round Lake resident Lyle Knickrehm ties his Christmas tree to the top of the family minivan at Gengel's Christmas Tree Farm in Lake Villa.



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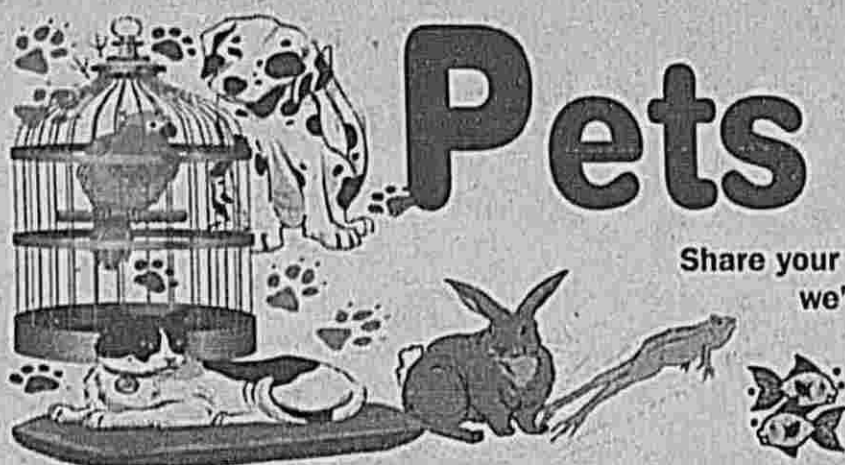
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Beaker

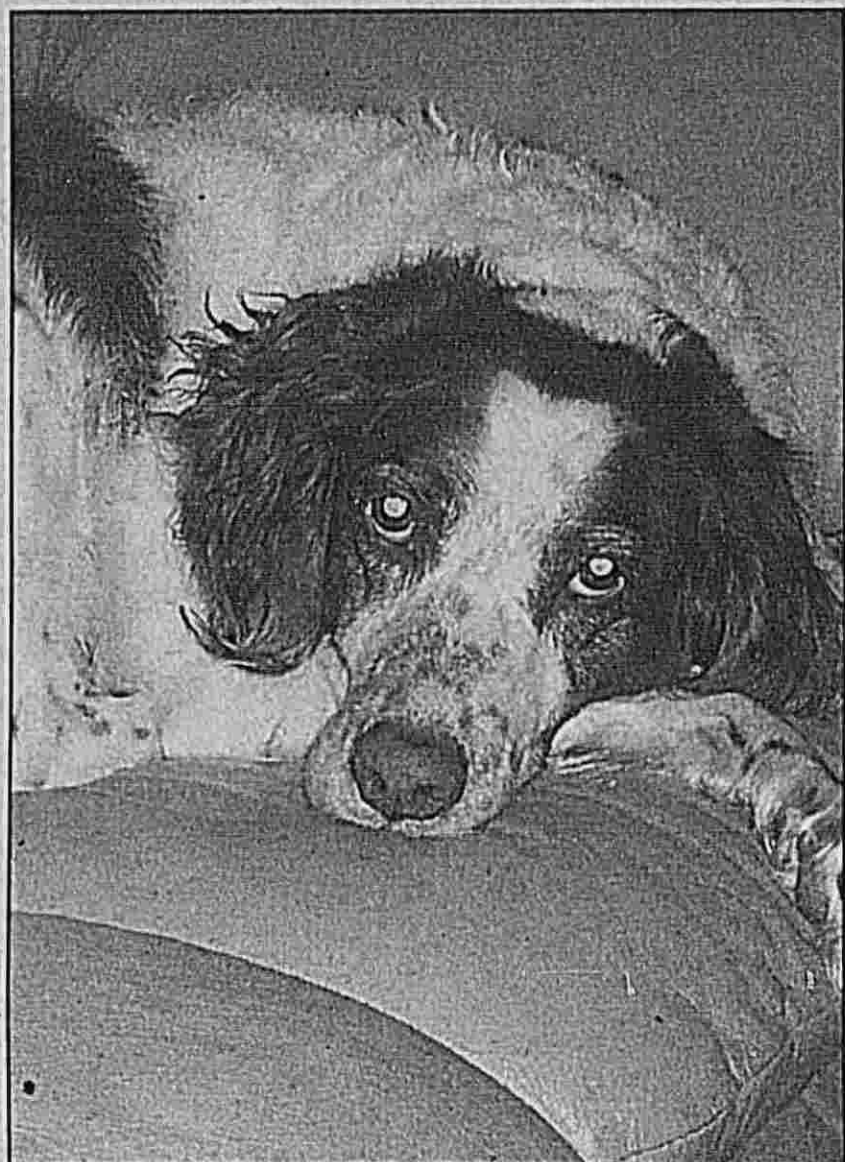
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Jake, a 10-year-old Brittany spaniel, curls up in his favorite spot of the house, the couch. Though Brittannys are known for hunting, Jake enjoys lounging, a good rubdown and lots of attention.

'Tails of Hope' always looking for extra help

By Laura Jastram

Staff Reporter

Tails of Hope was founded in 2002 by Kelly Moyer and since then has placed nearly 700 animals.

The organization focuses on placing animals of the ill and deceased in new homes rather than noisy shelters.

Moyer said she was inspired to start the program after her father was diagnosed with terminal leukemia. He was a pet lover and was more concerned about what would happen to his pets than himself. She said before her father passed away they placed his pets in new homes.

After that Moyer spent about a year preparing a business plan before establishing Tails of Hope. Today she has about 35 volunteers helping to run this out-of-home organization.

All the dogs are kept in foster homes, while the cats are kept at Pets Mart, 6405 Grand Ave., in Gurnee.

Moyer said they are always looking for more foster homes so they can take in more animals.

Tails of Hope receives about 25 phone calls a day. Some of the phone calls are owners wanting to relinquish their animals. Moyer said they take in any animal if they have room.

One dog in need of help is Casey, a 3-year-old miniature pinscher, who has diabetes and is blind. Moyer said they are trying to raise enough money for the surgery to remove Casey's cataracts so he can see.

A recent project they have been working on is to place 38 dogs and 50 cats of a woman who recently passed away. Since July, volunteers have helped and only five dogs remain. This drained all of their resources and they are in need of donations.

On Feb. 10, Tails of Hope is holding a cocktail party and auction, "Looking for Love," at Mickey Finn's Brewery, 412 N. Milwaukee Ave., in Libertyville beginning at 6 p.m.

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Just an old brown shoe

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Well, all my life from the time I was knee-high to a grasshopper through my skinny as a bean-pole days until the present time as Lake County's handsomest columnist—I've always been perplexed when I see a shoe on the side of the road.

I mean what's up with that?

Sometimes the shoe is in the middle of the road. Sometimes it's in the intersection. Sometimes it's a lady's dress shoe. Sometimes it's a gym shoe.

I've even seen a big old construction boot. And no matter what it is—it is always by itself looking woefully out of place.

And for heaven's sake—how did it get there? And more important—where is the other shoe?

I mean, was there a crime committed? Did someone get mad at his girlfriend out on a date and then throw one of her shoes out the car window and say, "Now how are you going to get home?"

And did the girlfriend then hop all the way home?

And if so, what did the boyfriend do with the other shoe?

Or were a bunch of guys out drinking one night and they didn't want the drunkest one driving home so they took off his work boot and threw it out the window and said something like, "Let's see you drive home now tough guy."

Now I know both scenarios seem unlikely—but how in the world does a solitary shoe end up on a public highway?

I've even asked everyone in the newsroom but nobody could come up with a plausible answer.

And since I have this morbid curiosity, and since I am a trained investigative reporter—I set out to at least find out the story behind one of those shoes.

I stopped my car and picked up this old brown shoe on Route 120.

As luck would have it I could still make out the name of the manufacturer on the inside of the shoe.

To make a long story short I was able to track down the only shoe store that sold that brand of shoes and eventually I found the owner.

And wouldn't you know that it belonged to my old friend Characterless B. Drunkenbum.

And there he was sitting in his living room wearing the other shoe.

I threw his shoe at him and asked, "How did it get on Route 120?"

And Characterless said, "I haven't the foggiest notion."

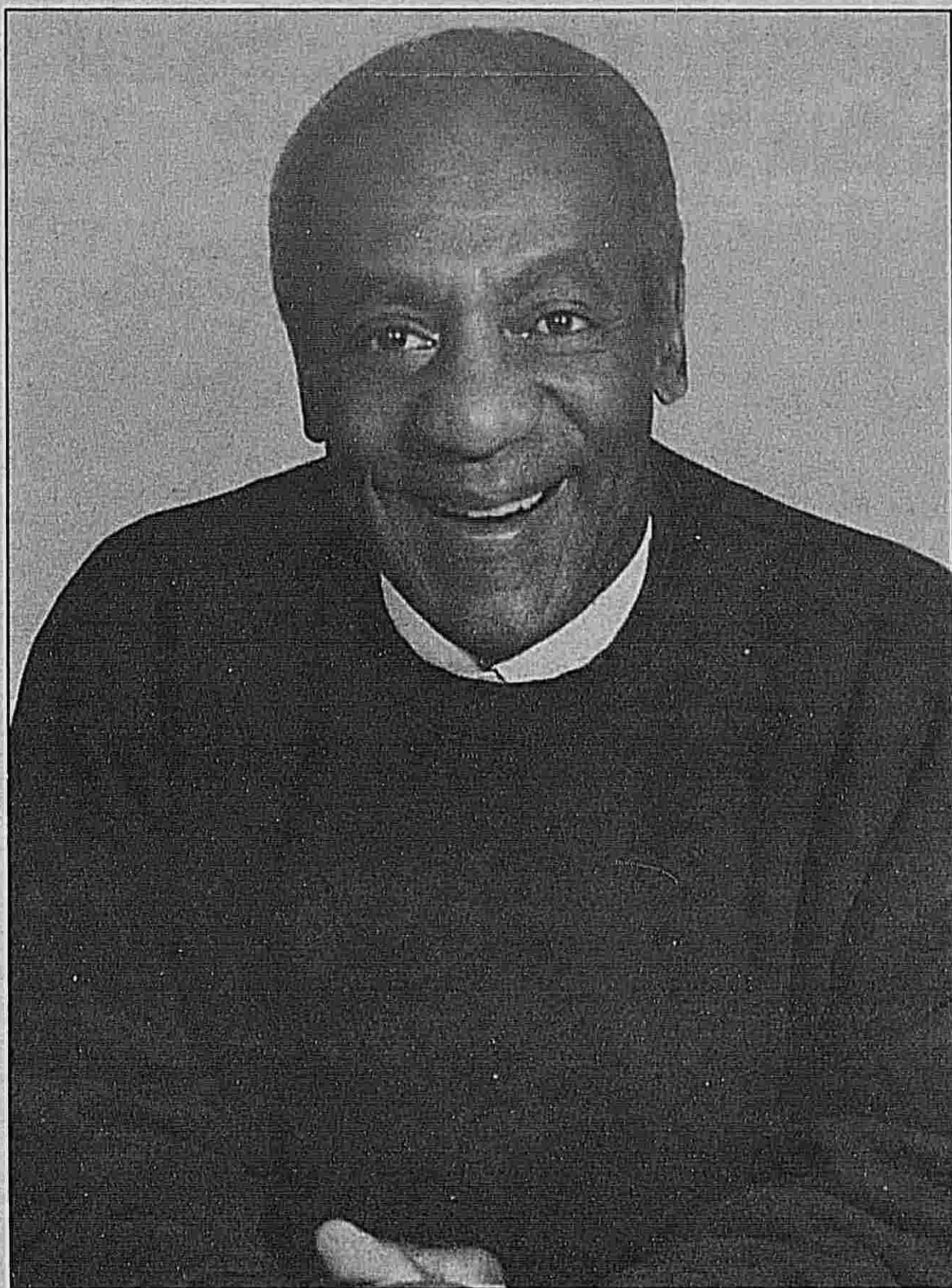
And now I'm beginning to suspect that none of us will ever know the story behind any of the solitary shoes that we see on the side of the road.

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Jeff Zachary

FROM A TO ZACHARY



Bill Cosby, noted comedian and actor, will be the opening act for the newly remodeled Genesee Theatre in Waukegan Dec. 3.

Cosby brings Genesee back to life

By Kyle Schmitt

Staff Reporter

With renovations complete and the grand chandelier raised and glowing with crystals, the Genesee Theatre will once again light up downtown Waukegan this Friday night.

Renowned entertainer Bill Cosby will take the stage before a capacity crowd to give two performances at 6:30 and 9 p.m. His comedy act marks the rebirth of the theater that the city hopes will serve as a catalyst to revitalize Waukegan's downtown community.

A multi-time Grammy and Emmy Award winner and star of "The Cosby Show," Cosby represented the city's first choice for an opening night act, said Genesee Theatre General Manager David Rovine.

"I think Cosby has become in this country almost an everyman," Rovine said. "Most of his humor is based on family and relationships, and everybody can relate to that, no matter your background."

Public demand led to both shows selling out within three hours on Oct. 22. Tickets may become available on ticketmaster.com during the day of the performance.

Though he refused to pin the theater's prospects for continued success on one night, Rovine said ticket sales for the Cosby shows signified that the market remains hungry for live entertainment. "In that sense, it bodes tremendously well for the future."

After the second performance, an onstage reception will be held for the Friends of the Historic Genesee Theatre and patrons who purchased the \$250 tickets. Other audience members and residents will flock to Madison Ave. Restaurant, where theater general manager Steve Kolber is throwing an Opening Night Alternative Gala complete with live bands and "a mandatory good time."

In addition to Cosby's performances, the theater will host the Nebraska Theatre Caravan's performance of "A Christmas Carol" on Dec. 5, and the Illinois Brass Band's "A Christmas Fantasy Concert" on Dec. 12.

Putting on airs

Thanksgiving has got to be a Republican holiday. I can't see any Democrat worth her salt dreaming up a celebration where well-fed relatives are encouraged to fight over a wishbone, and then loil in front of the TV while "the help" cleans up at less than minimum wage. History seems to confirm my theory:

The Mayflower sailed rough seas toward that first Thanksgiving. So I can only surmise that one passenger on deck, John Howland, thought they said "Disembark" instead of "Watch for sharks!" Anyway, this impatient Pilgrim had to be fished out of the drink so he could go on to contribute to our Presidential gene pool. And although both Theodore and Franklin Roosevelt were related to Howland, any Democratic lineage is most certainly trumped by his two living descendants.

Presidents George H. and George W. Bush prove Conservatism was Howland's prevailing trait.

Also, Republican Abraham Lincoln, looking for ways to strengthen the embattled Union, permanently put this holiday on the American calendar by issuing his 1863 Thanksgiving Proclamation.

So there you have it. However, when Thanksgiving comes around, I'm still expected to make like that hard-working, Liberal Native American, Squanto, who helped the Pilgrims survive their first year after landing at Plymouth. Like Squanto, not only do I need to put the household in order, but spend days preparing enough food to last a good five minutes after 90 tribesmen show up unexpectedly.

As a result, I'm driving around looking at other folk's Thanksgiving decorations hoping it'll motivate me enough to put a Pilgrim's hat on our Halloween pumpkin. No such luck. But after staring down an assortment of huge, inflatable turkey and pilgrim yard decorations, I just might have a strategy for getting through this holiday.

Maybe I can avoid another year of weeping over cleaning—and dicing onions for turkey stuffing—by ordering the lifelike, inflatable decoys I found pictured in reading material available at my supermarket check-out counter. According to one publication, an English company is selling a full size inflatable pub, as well as an inflatable church.

Think of it. With the church and pub planted in my front yard, no one will make it to my front door. By the time guests finish their prayers of Republican Thanksgiving, and then wet their whistles at the blow-up bar, I figure they'll be hungry enough to blindly follow even an inflatable plastic turkey to the nearest open restaurant. It's just too bad the Brits won't agree to a reasonable rental rate. Still, at least I can spring for an inflatable turkey, and I've made reservations at a Republican Senator's haunt, Duke's Grill in Wauconda.

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Fondue, vegetarian dishes a breeze in Heidi Swanson's 'Cook 1.0'



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COOKING BY THE BOOK

Heidi Swanson, in "Cook 1.0: A Fresh Approach to the Vegetarian Kitchen" (Stewart Tabori & Chang, 2004), shares a welcome culinary philosophy. She says her book was written "for cooks who generally want to spend less than an hour in the kitchen each night, but also want to eat like they spent four."

"Cook 1.0," ideal for novices, is a nicely laid out and handsomely photographed volume of tasty, no-fuss recipes – from breakfasts and one-dish dinners to sides and spreads, sauces and salsas. Their focus is on vegetarianism, but the crossover appeal is high.

With fondues making a comeback, Swanson offers seven variations on a theme. The Brie and Wild Mushroom fondue and the Chocolate fondue are just right for holiday parties when family and friends get together.

Brie and Wild Mushroom Fondue

12 lb. or more shiitake, morel or porcini mushrooms, finely chopped
1 garlic clove, minced, or more to taste

1 lb. cold brie, rind trimmed off, cut into small chunks
(Toss the cheese with 3 Tbl. unbleached all-purpose flour)

Combine ingredients:

In a medium saucepan over a medium-high heat, saute 1 tablespoon olive oil and the mushrooms and garlic. Saute for 4 minutes, then add 1 cup dry white wine. Bring to a simmer and add the cheese mixture, one handful at a time. Stir over low heat until smooth and cheese is melted and bubbling.

Transfer to fondue pot:

Transfer the cheese and mushroom mixture to a fondue pot and use chunks of Italian, French or mixed-grain bread for dipping. Blanched vegetables like asparagus spears or green beans are also good. Continue to stir frequently.

Chocolate Fondue

1 1/2 c. heavy cream
1 lb. premium semisweet or bittersweet chocolate, well-chopped

Combine ingredients:

In a medium saucepan over low heat, place 1 1/2 cup heavy cream. Bring to a simmer and add the chocolate. Simmer, stirring, until the chocolate is melted.

Transfer to fondue pot:

Transfer the chocolate mixture to a fondue pot and use strawberries, cherries, orange sections, graham crackers, marshmallows or ladyfingers for dipping. Continue to stir frequently.

Order up!



NUTTY CHOCOLATE PRETZEL BARS

- 1 can (10 ounces) deluxe salted nuts, coarsely chopped
 - 1 roll (18 ounces) Pillsbury refrigerated sugar cookies
 - 1 cup English toffee bits
 - 1 1/2 cups milk chocolate chips
 - 1/3 cup butterscotch chips
 - 1/3 cup creamy peanut butter
 - 1 cup coarsely chopped salted pretzels
 - 1 ounce vanilla-flavored candy coating, chopped
- or
- 2 tablespoons vanilla candy chips

Heat oven to 375°F. Spray 13- x 9-inch pan with cooking spray. Spread nuts evenly in pan. Cut cookie dough into 1/2-inch-thick slices; arrange slices over nuts. With floured fingers, press evenly in prepared pan, such as Glad OvenWare (prep according to instructions). Sprinkle with English toffee bits; press in lightly.

Bake 20 to 25 minutes or until golden brown. Cool on wire rack 30 minutes.

In large microwavable bowl, microwave chocolate chips and butterscotch chips on HIGH 1 1/2 to 2 minutes, stirring every 30 seconds, until smooth. Stir in peanut butter. Gently stir in pretzels. Spread evenly over crust.

In small microwavable bowl, microwave candy coating on HIGH 30 to 60 seconds, stirring every 15 seconds, until smooth. Drizzle over bars. Refrigerate until chocolate is set, about 15 minutes. For bars, cut into 9 rows by 4 rows.

[36 bars]

Family Features Editorial Syndicate

Micro-Minute

"Love the smell and taste of baked apples fresh from the oven? Cook up this quick version for some real old-fashioned home-made goodness!"

Cinnamon Apple Rings 4 to 6 servings

1/4 cup (1/2 stick) butter
4 apples, cored and cut into 1/4-inch rings
1/3 cup packed light brown sugar
1 teaspoon ground cinnamon

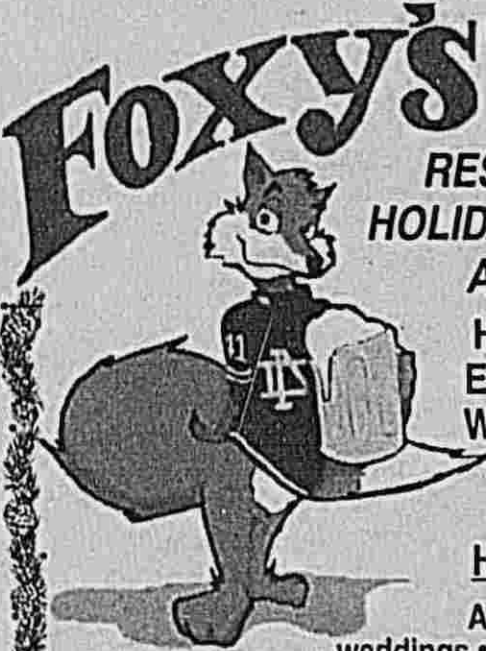
1. In a microwave-safe 9" x 13" baking dish, heat the butter at 80% power for 1 to 1-1/2 minutes, until melted. Add the apple rings, turning to coat completely.

2. Microwave the apples at 80% power for 10 minutes, stirring after 5 minutes.

3. In a small bowl, combine the brown sugar and cinnamon; mix well and sprinkle over the apples.

4. Microwave at 80% power for 1 to 2 minutes, or until the brown sugar dissolves into the butter. Serve immediately.





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'The Playboy of the Western World' retains Synge's poetry, if not its bite



Tom Vaughan Lawlor and Cathy Belton in a scene from Abbey Theatre's "The Playboy of the Western World" at Chicago Shakespeare Theater.

CRITIC'S CHOICE By TOM WITOM

A character known as the Bellman (Simon O'Gorman), in a brief prologue to J. S. Synge's drama, "The Playboy of the Western World," explains how "in Ireland, we have an imagination that is fiery, magnificent and tender."

The opening night audience at Chicago Shakespeare Theater got a taste of all three attributes during a production of the 1907 comedy by a touring company of The Abbey Theatre, Ireland's National Theatre, now marking its centenary.

While Synge's "Playboy" may no longer have the bite that caused a sensation when it was first presented, sparking riots because of its satiric treatment of the lives of Irish peas-

ants, its poetic language remains rich and its plot volatile. There's no denying that the playwright's insights into the human condition, however odd, continue to engage.

Set in a dirt-poor pub in County Mayo on Ireland's west coast, the arrival of a dashing if bedraggled young stranger, Christy Mahon (silver-tongued Tom Vaughan Lawlor), causes a sensation. He explains how he has traveled for days on end after killing his abusive father. Christy's story becomes more elaborate with each telling and transforms him into a kind of folk hero.

Soon the new arrival has the barkeep's beautiful daughter Pegeen (Kathy Belton) mooning for his hand as she sees him as a more exciting alternative to the easily cowed Shawn (Andrew Bennett), a devoted but dull farmer who has long sought to marry her and

On Stage

has the blessings of Pegeen's father (John Olohan).

Other single girls (played by Kelly Campbell, Katy Davis and Clara O'Callaghan) also blatantly vie for the favor of this smooth operator. One of the strongest contenders is the forceful Widow Quin (Olwen Fouere).

When things seem to reach a critical juncture between Christy and Pegeen, Christy's father, angry Old Mahon (Maeliosa Stafford) shows up very much alive and nursing a nasty head wound. Father and son scuffle and the old man is dealt another mortal blow. This time, however, Christy's actions are no longer viewed as valorous; instead, the villagers including Pegeen turn him over to be hanged.

The play delivers a surprise - and bitter-sweet - ending (this is a comedy, after all).

Ben Barnes directs the 12-member cast. The dialogue on occasion is blurred by the performers' thick accents, but the intensity and meaning is never lost. (Handily, there's a two-page glossary provided in the program.)

For this production, Chicago Shakespeare's Courtyard Theater was reconfigured into a proscenium stage similar to Abbey Theatre's stage in Dublin. Guido Tondino's set is plain but effective, using a minimum of props and bringing together two stark walls topped with a variety of empty bottles.



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CHRISTMAS TREES

range in price from \$40 to \$90, depending on height as tall as 15 feet.

The Family Tree Farm is open from noon to four on weekdays and from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on weekends, until Christmas Eve. Saws and tree baling are available.

As an extra adventure for children, free hayrides are available through the woods and trails, and an old-fashioned sleigh can be used for picture taking. The farm also offers a snack shop, which also sells ornaments and seasonal gifts.

Sullivan suggests dressing warmly and plan on spending an hour or two at the farm. The farm is at Route 59 and Petite Lake Road in Lake Villa. More information is available by calling 847-949-0172.

Hooterville Christmas Tree Farm offers trees again this season and is open from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. on weekends, from 3 to 7 p.m. on

Wednesdays and Thursday, and Fridays when they are open from noon to 7 p.m. They are closed on Mondays and Tuesdays. Any cut your own tree costs \$40 and includes shaking, baling and grooming. Since the selection in the field is limited this year, Hooterville has brought freshly-cut trees in from a family tree farm in North Carolina.

The Hooterville farm also sells firewood, wreaths, garland and tree stands. There is also a Christmas Gift Shop that offers ornaments, decorations, souvenirs and stocking stuffers, as well as hot cocoa, cider, popped corn and cookies.

Kim Henning, one of the farm owners, has a special project this year and is working with Globe Missionaries to obtain warm infant clothing for orphaned children in the Ukraine. Henning calls it the IOU project - Infant Outfits for Ukraine.

Anyone who donates new or gently used

warm infant clothing size 2T or smaller, will be given free hot chocolate.

The Hayden Christmas Tree Farm in Antioch has been selling Christmas trees since 1959. They offer sleds with skids that don't require snow. The sleds are appropriate for pulling either Christmas trees or children.

Pat Hayden suggests that people dress warmly, and for the county. Hats and mittens are in, and high heels and dress shoes are out.

Trees cost between \$40 and \$50, which includes free shaking, baling and twine. To keep the tree fresh, Hayden suggests cutting a half inch off the tree trunk when you get it home and immediately put it in water. Never let it go dry and keep it away from a sunny window, heaters and fireplaces, and it will keep until the end of January, she said.

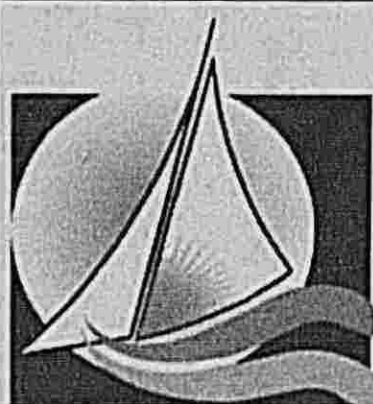
Hayden also suggests calling 847-395-

4127 before coming out to the farm since they tend to sell out before Christmas. The farm is open on weekends beginning at 9 a.m. and is located at 42880 N. Hunt Club Road in Newport Township near Antioch, within a mile of the state line.

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CORRECTION

It was erroneously reported in the Nov. 19 Lakelife that "Hans Brinker's Christmas," which will be performed on Sunday Dec. 5 at 2 and 4 p.m. in room C005 at CLC, had a reduced ticket price for seniors. The \$6 discount price is for CLC students and staff only and is not for senior citizens. Tickets are \$8 for the general public.



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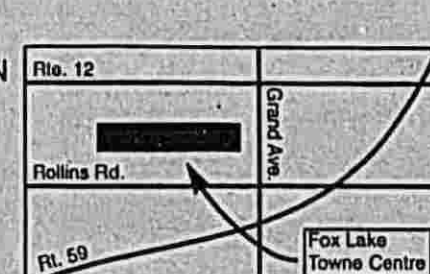
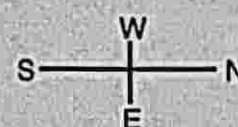
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Donors must be 17 or older, weigh at least 110 pounds, be in good health and not have donated blood within 56 days. Donors will receive a mini-physical that includes a blood pressure check and iron-level count. If you would like to save a life by donating blood, call the CLC health center at 847-543-2064 for an appointment. Walk-ins are also welcome.

CLC holiday concert set for Dec. 5

Get into the holiday spirit with an afternoon of beautiful instrumental and vocal music at the College of Lake County. The CLC Holiday Concert will be held Sunday, Dec. 5 at 4 p.m. in the Mainstage Theatre of the James Lumber Center for the Performing Arts on CLC's Grayslake Campus. The concert by the CLC Wind Ensemble, Choir of Lake County and the CLC Singers is free and open to the public.

The 50-member Wind Ensemble, under the direction of Dr. Michael Flack, will perform six holiday songs, including "Flourish For Wind Band" by R. Vaughan Williams and "Christmas in the Round." Paul Hefner will conduct "A Canadian Brass Christmas."

The 15-member CLC Singers will sing "Rocking," a Czech carol; "A La Nanita," a Spanish carol; and "The Christmas Song," better known as "Chestnuts Roasting On an Open Fire." Selections by the 32-member Choir of Lake County will include arias and choruses from Handel's "Messiah," along with "Festival Sanctus" and "Sing Noel."

Audience members are invited to join the

combined CLC Wind Ensemble and the combined CLC choirs in singing a medley of eight familiar holiday melodies, called "A Christmas Festival" by Leroy Anderson, which is an annual tradition at the College of Lake County.

"This 90-minute holiday program is designed to showcase our multi-talented student performers in a diverse setting, which I think will be exciting and appealing to the typical music lover," said Dr. C. Charles Clency, director of the choirs and a music instructor at CLC.

The performance is free, but tickets are required. Currently, tickets are limited and a wait list is being taken because additional tickets may become available. For information, call the Box Office at 847-543-2300. The Box Office opens 90 minutes before the performance begins.

Carmel announces holiday programs

The Carmel High School Music and Drama Departments will present holiday productions for the public's enjoyment.

The Drama Department will present Three One-Act Plays. The first, "The Littlest Angel" is about a young angel who learns that the spirit of giving is more important than the gift itself. The second story "The Gift of the Magi" shares the affirmation of unselfish love, and finally, "A Visit From St. Nicholas" relays the tale of Clement Moore, a 19th century professor who writes a seasonal poem for his children. Fearing that he may become known as a children's poet, he insists that this poem, "The Night Before Christmas," remains for his own children's eyes only.

Performances are Dec. 10 and 11 at 7 p.m., and Dec. 12 at 2 p.m. All performances are in the school auditorium. Tickets are \$3 for adults and \$2 for students and senior citizens.

The Music Department will present its annual Christmas concert on Dec. 16 at 7 p.m. in the Auditorium. The concert includes performances by choral and instrumental ensembles. Tickets are \$3 for adults and \$2 for students and senior citizens.

Call Carmel's Music Department 847-327-6348 for additional information.

Holiday tree lot opens at Lambs Farm

The Lambs Farm Holiday Tree Lot offers the North Shore's finest selection of trees, wreaths, and swags, including Fraser fir, balsam fir, Douglas fir, Scotch pine, and white pine.

The tree lot is located at the Lambs Farm parking lot entrance, off of Rt. 176 by I-94 in Libertyville. It is open daily, through Dec. 23. Hours are Mondays and Tuesdays, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., and Wednesday through Sunday, 9 a.m.-8 p.m.

Lambs Farm Holiday Arts & Crafts Show

The 24th annual Lambs Farm Holiday Arts & Crafts Show will be held Dec. 2-5 at the Donald E. Stephens Convention Center in Rosemont. As Chicagoland's largest arts and crafts show, the event features the work of nearly 600 fine artists, craftsmen and folk artists from more than 20 states. The artists display and sell a wide variety of top quality items, such as fine art, blown glass, pottery, jewelry, clothing, holiday decorations, housewares, and much more. This event fea-

tures only specially selected, highly skilled artists and craftsmen who will be on hand to answer questions and discuss their work.

The show benefits Lambs Farm, and their delicious jellies, sauces, cookies, breads, and chocolates are available for purchase at a booth near the entrance.

The show runs Friday, Dec. 3, 10 a.m.-9 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 4, 10 a.m.-7 p.m., and Sunday, Dec. 5, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Adult admission is \$6. Children 12 and under are free.

Food is available on the show floor and in the on-site Expoteria Restaurant. Clowns will be on hand to provide special entertainment.

The Donald E. Stephens Convention Center is located on River Road, one block south of the Kennedy Expressway (I-190) in Rosemont. The Center is handicapped accessible and pay parking is available.

For additional information on Lambs Farm or the Holiday Arts & Crafts Show, please call 847-362-4636 or visit www.lambsfarm.org.



'HONK!' if you like theater

Four of the players in "HONK!" at PM&L Theatre, 877 Main St. in Antioch: (left to right) Jennifer Franco of Kenosha as Grace, the Diva Duck; Krista Colella and Meghan Hosken of Lindenhurst as Ugly's sisters; and Michele MacLennan of Antioch as Henrietta, a chicken. "HONK!" will be presented Dec. 3, 4, 10, and 11 at 8 p.m. and Dec. 5 and 12 at 2:30 p.m. Call 847-395-3055 for reservations. Ticket prices are \$15 for adults and \$12 for students and seniors.

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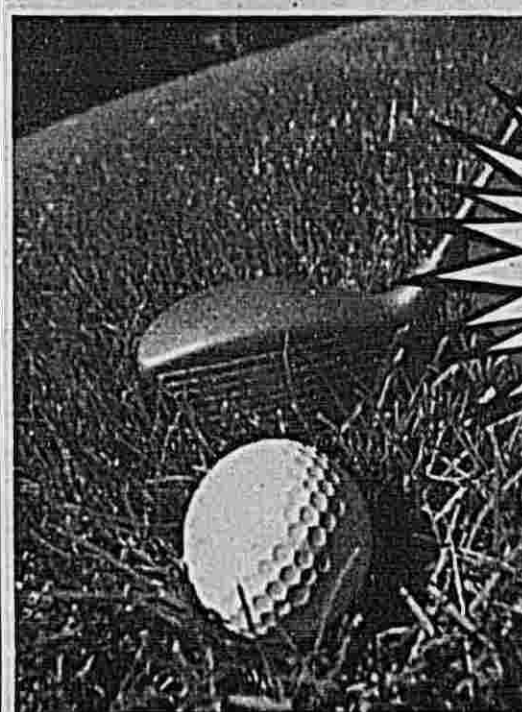
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NEW RELEASES

These films are currently playing at local theaters. An average of six new reviews a week as well as recent releases can be found under Now Playing at www.reelmoviecritic.com.

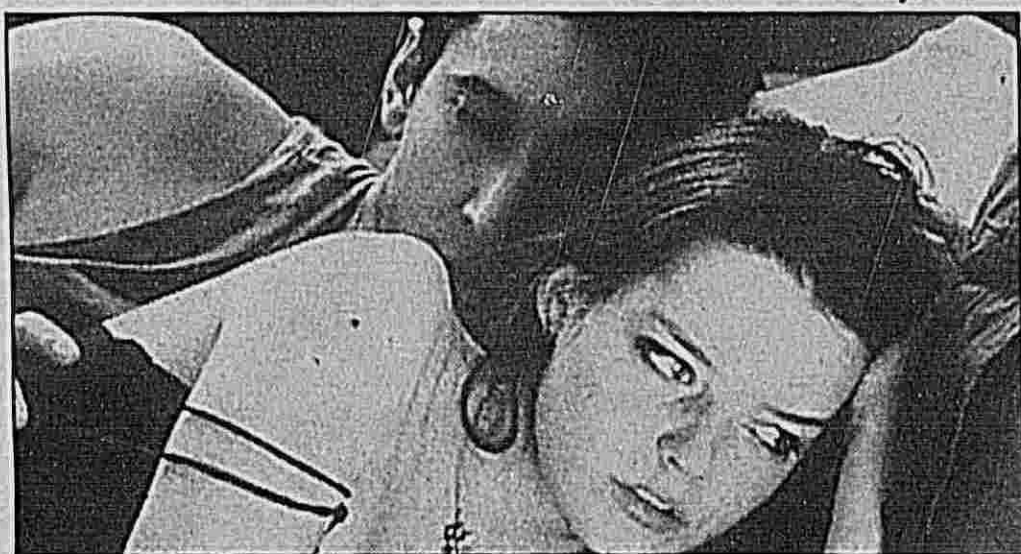
opening this week



Bright Leaves: At the heart of this documentary is tobacco as a way of life - growing it, celebrating it, smoking it, and the people's love/hate relationship with the weed. As it was for Henry Ford, the automation of the industry and not the product itself made the fortune. The conflict inherent in the crop that supports the people while providing them with a slow death has no easy answer. As the pretty young girls prepare for the Tobacco Festival parade, director Ross McElwee finds optimism in the

words of a former tobacco queen. She tells him it will be known as the Farmers Day Parade from now on. I quit smoking over 20 years ago. McElwee would probably be distressed to hear that watching the film made me want to light up just one more time. Provided by Shelley Cameron of Reel Movie Critic. Playing for one week at The Music Box. **(Not Rated)**

Sex Is Comedy: A somewhat diverting and self-reflexive pseudo-documentary film that shows us how difficult it is to shoot a sex scene. It was written and directed by the controversial French filmmaker, Catherine Breillat. She straddled the line between porn and art with her recent films "Fat Girl" and "Romance." "Sex Is Comedy" is supposed to be fictional, but the main character, Jeanne, has much in common with Breillat. Played by the phenomenal "La Femme Nikita" star, Anne Parillaud, Jeanne is also a female director known for her explicit sex scenes. The actress can't stand her male costars and the director miscommunicates with the stars in cryptic language. In the scenes where the director fails to communicate, Breillat seems to be poking fun at herself. The subject is treated somewhat clinically, so the



Close enough

The four characters in "Closer" inhabit a world of quick lust, glib conversation and one-up-manship. They each possess an urgency for intimacy in their cross-pollinated relationships. Directed by Mike Nichols ("Angels in America") and based on Peter Marber's award winning play, both men see the story as dealing with the complexity, heart-break and humor of modern day love and life in general.

Dan (Jude Law, who seems to be everywhere this year) and Alice (a very grown-up Natalie Portman) meet by accident (literally) when Alice, a transplanted New Yorker and new to London is hit by a taxi while crossing the street. Dan writes obituaries for the newspaper as he finishes off his novel, and they become a couple. A year later, when his book is to be published, Dan meets Anna (a glorious Julia Roberts), the photographer for his book cover. He falls for her and Alice spots the glitch right off. Larry (the dangerously handsome Clive Owen) is the fourth player in this game.

He's a doctor and is drawn into play by Dan in a hilarious bit online when he thinks Dan is a super cyber slut in a sex chat room.

All the pawns are on the board and the salacious maneuvers begin. It's a protracted game that covers four years and various couplings. Truth or lies, which are harder to accept? How many ways can we hurt each other? How do we recognize love? At one point Alice says to Dan, "Where is this 'love' I can hear some words, but I can't do anything with your easy words."

The performances here are flawless. Natalie Portman's Alice is a revelation, for both the actress and the character. Alice possesses a presumed naivete that leaves the others' deceptions in the dust. Occasionally the dialogue rang hollow, not as natural as in "Before Sunset" or "Sideways."

Another recent film that dealt with betrayal in relationships was "We Don't Live Here Anymore," which is arguably a more realistic portrayal of how it can all fall apart.

Clive Owen, Natalie Portman, Julia Roberts and Jude Law play four people interconnected by love, lust and work in the movie "Closer."



Closers

Review by
Pam & George O. Singleton
at info@reelmoviecritic.com

Cast

Julia Roberts	Anna
Jude Law	Dan
Natalie Portman	Alice
Clive Owen	Larry

Directed by Mike Nichols. Intense Drama. Rated R for graphic sexual dialogue, nudity/sexuality and language. **Very close contact.**

still playing

The Incredibles (PG)

5

The Motorcycle Diaries (R)

5

Vera Drake (R)

5

Undertow (R)

4.5

Alexander (R)

4.5

Graced with a go-for-broke hellion of a performance from the excellent Colin Farrell, who by turns sweats with the fervor of a bloodthirsty warrior and that of a sensitive puppy-dog lover. Even when "Alexander" flies off the rails it's exhilarating in its own nutty way. When it works best it becomes something urgent in Farrell's full-bodied, risky, emotional portrait of a brooding lonely heart besieged by self-doubt and driven by equal parts drunken power and an authentic desire to liberate the oppressed. Provided by Lee Shogquist of Reel Movie Critic.

National Treasure (PG)

5

Christmas with the Kranks (PG)

5

film ends up being decidedly non-erotic and anti-climactic, but that was probably the filmmaker's intention. The film does a fine job of demystifying erotic cinema and exploring the power dynamics behind it. Provided by Vittorio J. Carli of Reel Movie Critic. Playing at The Music Box. **(Not Rated)**

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NATIONAL TREASURE (PG)
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THE POLAR EXPRESS (G)
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'Three Sopranos' entertain crowds throughout the area for the holidays

A joyous Advent and Christmas music concert featuring The Three Sopranos will be performed on six evenings during the first two weekends of December.

Well-known area church musicians Mary Ann Beatty, Laurie Scarpelli and Marcy Weckler-Barr, with Linda Camp on piano, sing classical to contemporary seasonal music, as well as the popular sing-along portion of their program. The performance includes works by J.S. Bach, G.F. Handel (Messiah), Britten, Mendelssohn, and John Jacob Nile. This year, for the first time, the trio will be taking their concert to six different venues in the northwest suburbs: Friday, Dec. 3, at St. Mary's in Oregon; Saturday, Dec. 4, at St. Thomas of Villanova in Palatine; Sunday, Dec. 5, at St. Bede's in Fox Lake; Friday, Dec. 10, at The Wauconda Federated Church in Wauconda; Saturday, Dec. 11, at The First United Methodist Church in Palatine; and, Sunday,

Dec. 12 at St. Mary of the Annunciation in Mundelein. All concerts begin at 7 p.m. A freewill donation will be taken at each concert.

Mary Ann Beatty is a guest soloist and recitalist in the Chicago suburbs, veteran professional member of the Chicago Symphony Chorus, and private voice teacher at Deerfield High School. Laurie Scarpelli is a Bel Canto Competition winner, voice teacher, choir director, and graduate of Northwestern University's School of Music. Marcy Weckler-Barr is longtime Music Director at St. Thomas of Villanova Parish in Palatine, prolific composer, versatile performer, and graduate of the University of Michigan School of Music. Linda Camp is Associate Professor of Piano at Elmhurst College, Music Director of The First United Methodist Church of Palatine, and concert soloist.

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Christmas Events

Dickens Carolers in five shows at Country Squire

The old-fashioned tradition of Christmas carols is making a comeback this holiday season with the appearance of the Dickens Carolers at the Country Squire.

The a capella quartet will perform in five shows, from 7-9 p.m. on Dec. 3, 4, 10, 17 and 18. Attired in colorful period costumes, the strolling singers will render carols and songs of the season during the dinner hour in the restaurant's Mansion dining room.

There is no extra charge for the musical entertainment. Country Squire, the restored Sears estate, is located at Rts. 120 and 45 in Grayslake. Reservations are advised and made by calling 847-223-0121.

Waukegan Christmas events for the family

The city of Waukegan plays host to a variety of holiday events in December.

Sunday, Dec. 5, is the Holiday Festival, to be held downtown at the corner of Clayton and Genesee from noon-4 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 11, the Waukegan Concert Chorus will perform "Carols & Lullabies" at 7 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church, 122 N. Martin Luther King Jr. Ave.

Sunday, Dec. 12, there will be a Holiday Open House at Bowen Park, 1917 Sheridan Rd., from 2-5 p.m.

Wednesday, Dec. 15, at 4 p.m. and 7 p.m., the Waukegan Library, 128 N. County St., will host Santa Story Time. Tickets are required and are available by calling 847-623-2041.

For more information, call 847-263-4FUN or visit the Web site at www.waukegan-web.net/events.html.

Theater

Second show for Garrison Keillor added

The city of Elgin has announced that a second performance of Garrison Keillor on Feb. 20, 2005, has been added. The second show will be at 6 p.m.; limited seating is still available for the 2 p.m. show.

Guests are invited to join Garrison Keillor and Rich Dworsky for an evening of stories when the host and writer of "A Prairie Home Companion," a live radio variety show heard on public radio stations coast to coast on Saturday nights, comes to Elgin. Keillor will be joined by the music director of "A Prairie Home Companion," Rich Dworsky.

Keillor's stories about the town of Lake Wobegon ("where the women are strong, the men are good-looking, and all the children are above average") are heard on every show, and have appeared in book form, starting with "Lake Wobegon Days" in 1985. Other books include "The Book Of Guys," "Love Me" and "The Old Man Who Loved Cheese."

Tickets for Garrison Keillor's 6 p.m. show are on sale now. Tickets are \$50 (Golden Circle), \$35 (Main Floor) and \$25 (Balcony). Limited view seats are still available for the 2 p.m. show.

To order tickets, call The Hemmens Box Office at 847-931-5900, go online at www.hemmens.org or come to The Hemmens Cultural Center Box Office at 45 Symphony Way, located behind Elgin City Hall. Group discounts are available.

Courses

'Bread Makers and Bread Making' for the holidays

One of the most innovative small appliances on the market is the automatic bread machine. All you need to do is measure the ingredients and start the machine, and within hours you have a loaf of fragrant, freshly baked bread. Home baked breads make welcome holiday and hostess gifts. Bread machines also make wonderful gifts and are far less expensive than a few years ago.

Before making a decision about which bread machine to buy, learn about the various options available from University of Illinois Nutrition and Wellness Educator, Barbara Farmer. "Bread Makers and Bread Making." The program will be presented Tuesday, Dec. 7 from 7-8:30 p.m. at the University of Illinois Extension, 100 South U.S. Highway 45 in Grayslake.

Participants will learn how to use a bread machine highlighting five steps to successful baking. They will also learn how to adapt favorite yeast dough recipes to the machine. Sampling of some flavorful recipes will also be included.

"Even the most careful cook can experience bread makers failures from time to time," commented Farmer. Troubleshooting bread machine problems will include tips for those who have experienced less than desirable results. Farmer will provide suggestions and tips for bread collapse, dense texture, over-rising, soggy crust and uneven tops.

The program is a cooperative effort with Extension and the Lake County Association for Home and Community Education. There is no cost to attend, however, preregistration is required. Call 847-223-8627 or register online at <http://www.urbanext.uiuc.edu/lake>.

Concert

UW-Parkside presents choral concert Dec. 5

The University of Wisconsin-Parkside Music Dept. presents a preholiday concert featuring the vocal talents of students and area residents. The university's choral groups, with some special guests, sing Sunday, Dec. 5, in the Communication Arts Theatre.

The choral concert, conducted by Dr. James B. Kinchen Jr., features the Voices of Parkside, the University Chorale, and the UW-Parkside Master Singers. Along with this array of student and community talent, the Dimension of Learning Academy 5th and 6th Grade Choir joins the choruses. Selections are announced during the program.

Admission is \$6 for adults, \$4 for students and seniors.

For more information about the performance, call 262-595-2457.

Art Exhibit

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Recycling takes on new meaning when you recycle your unwanted art and art objects. The Suburban Fine Arts Center's annual Recycled Art Sale and Benefit is just around the corner and we need your paintings, prints, frames and unwanted art supplies. This benefit event will be the 17th annual sale, and it is expected to be the biggest yet.

For your donation, you get the wall space or closet room and a tax deduction letter for 2004 because the Suburban Fine Arts Center is a not-for-profit 501 (C)3 organization.

The Suburban Fine Arts Center is located at 1957 Sheridan Road in downtown Highland Park. Hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday.

IMAX

Harry Potter comes to the Humphrey IMAX

Audiences of the Humphrey IMAX Dome Theater at the Milwaukee Public Museum will be able to "cast their spell in IMAX" as "Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban: The IMAX Experience" shows through Jan. 9.

This family event film has been digitally re-mastered (IMAX DMR) into the unparalleled image and sound quality of The IMAX Experience. Moviegoers will experience the magic and excitement of the third installment of the blockbuster Harry Potter film series on a screen towering six stories high, surrounded by 12,000 watts of pure digital sound.

Ticket prices for the general public are \$10 adult; \$9 senior (62 and over) and \$9 child (3-15). Showtimes are 4:30 p.m. Saturday-Thursday; 4:30 and 7:30 p.m. Fridays. A 7:30 p.m. showing will also be held Saturday, Jan. 1. Reservations are strongly recommended. For more information or to purchase tickets, call 414-319-4629, 888-700-9069 or visit www.mpm.edu. A \$1.50 service fee is charged for advance reservations.

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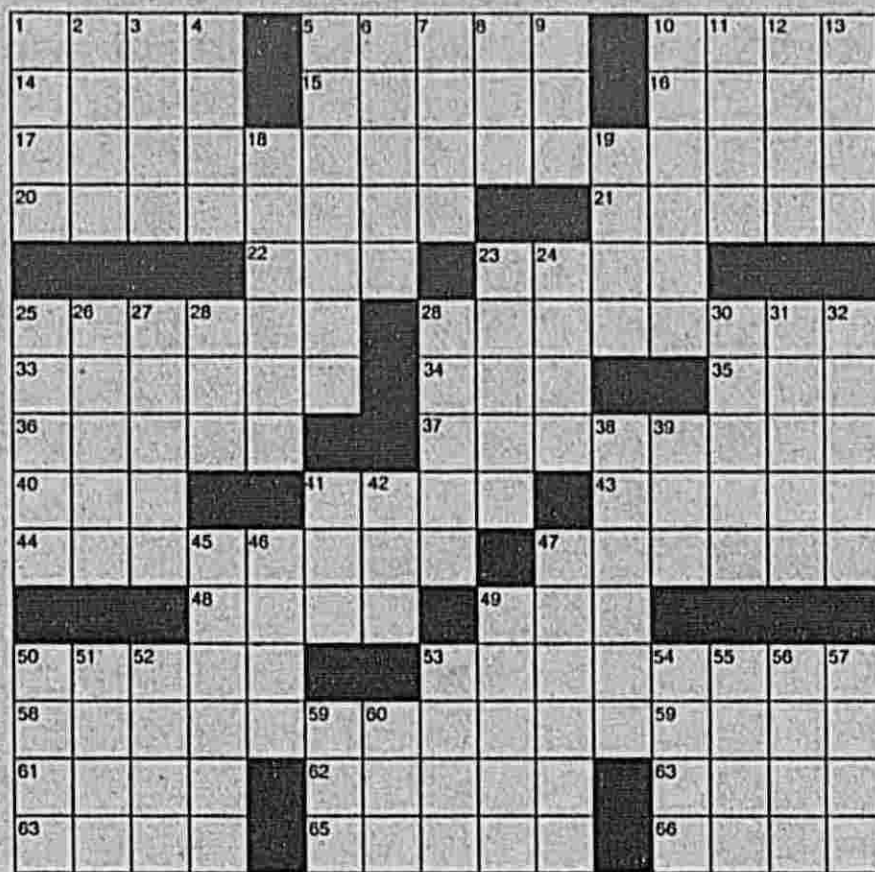
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ACROSS

1. Decaliters
5. Chaff
10. Edible mushrooms
14. Hebrew calendar month
15. A message that departs from the main subject
16. Largest known toad species
17. Movie couple
20. A way of growing
21. Anwar __, Egyptian statesman
22. Opening
23. Small salmon of the Great Lakes
25. Next to
29. Strokings
33. Curves
34. Bow
35. Elapsee, abbr.
36. Canvas (plural)
37. Cyclic
40. The 7th letter of the Greek alphabet
41. Afresh
43. Plant molecules
44. HBO family
47. Intellectual, of sorts
48. A way to print
49. Someone who is morally reprehensible
50. Marsh bird
53. Prominence
58. Insomniac's fare
61. Highly excited
62. Rope to capture animals
63. Outside
64. Hamlet, for one
65. __, TV awards
66. A way to run

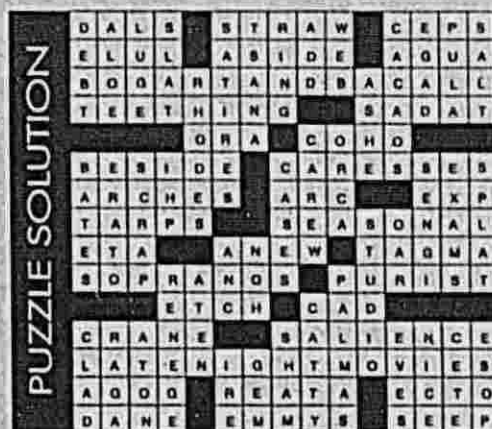
DOWN

1. Something that is owed
2. Herb
3. Toboggan
4. Strip
5. Ironies
6. Ethiopian lake
7. Wedding or engagement __
8. Determine the sum of
9. Cob or spider
10. Chocolate trees
11. Oh, God!



12. Monetary unit of Botswana
13. Used esp. of meats
18. __ Scholar
19. Arthur __, Wimbledon champion
23. Rod __, Minnesota All-Star
24. Killer whale
25. Soaks hair
26. The Muse of lyric and love poetry
27. Small fragment
28. Indicated horsepower, abbr.
29. Containers
30. Monetary unit of former Zaire
31. Tests
32. Sound made by slapping
38. Small apartment
39. Paddle
41. Mandela's party
42. Japanese classical theater
45. Change mind
46. Egyptian Sun god
47. Canary island

49. Nasty
50. Dressed
51. Indian music
52. Egyptian sun god
53. Feign
54. Arden and Queler
55. Socially or conventionally correct
56. Gathering of badgers
57. Employee stock ownership
59. Wrath
60. Type of stone



HOROSCOPE

ARIES - Mar 21/Apr 20

Strange happenings at the beginning of the week put you on guard. You may react to things you never considered bothersome before, Aries. Just don't fear things you can't control.



LIBRA - Sept 23/Oct 23

It's not a week for the faint of heart. Challenges pop up all over the place and you'll be in the middle of the confusion. Ask for help if you find yourself in quicksand.



TAURUS - Apr 21/May 21

This is an excellent week to start selling yourself, Taurus, something you don't do enough of. There are more people out there than you think who need what you're offering.



SCORPIO - Oct 24/Nov 22

Your participation in a group or special project shows everyone that you are a team player, Scorpio. That will debunk the stereotype that you're always a loner.



GEMINI - May 22/Jun 21

You get to the meat of the matter quickly with colleagues, Gemini. This will free up some time for you to kick back and relax for a change. Enjoy the respite.



SAGITTARIUS - Nov 23/Dec 21

You'll uncover yet another of your famous talents, Sagittarius. The surprise will be invigorating. Use the newfound knowledge to your advantage with friends.



CANCER - Jun 22/Jul 22

Exercising your mind this week allows you to achieve greater confidence, Cancer. This can help give you the boost you need to tackle that important project.



CAPRICORN - Dec 22/Jan 20

New relationships spark this week, as you find that love comes in many different forms. Embrace the changes that are in store for you in the days to come, Capricorn.



LEO - Jul 23/Aug 23

Share your message with others, Leo. They'll be interested in hearing what you have to say in the weeks to come. Just keep your bravado in check. Your roar is powerful!



AQUARIUS - Jan 21/Feb 18

Stop skirting responsibilities and finally get the job done the right way. It may take more work up front, but the results will be worth it in the long run.



VIRGO - Aug 24/Sept 22

There's something broken that needs fixing, and you're just the person to take on the challenge, Virgo. Just don't get so wrapped up in the solution that you miss the lesson along the way.



PISCES - Feb 19/Mar 20

Although you've trumped colleagues in certain areas, you're falling behind in most. Put the pedal to the metal, Pisces.



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Your thoughts
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hot topic

Q: "What do you think
about violence in sports?"

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Fredd
Brown
Dallas, TX

"More needs to
be done to
taper the vio-
lent behavior
we see in
sports." - Fredd
Brown, from
Dallas, TX.



Morgan
Gersdorf
Lindenherst

"Violence
doesn't belong
in sports."



Stacey
Knickrehm
Round Lake

"I think it's a
bad example
for our young
children.
(Athletes)
should be able
to control their
anger."



Sadye
McGrath
Mundelein

"There is no
good excuse for
violence."



Mary
Metcaviz
Grayslake

"I don't like vio-
lent sports,
which is why I
don't like hock-
ey. I like non-
violent sports
like cheerlead-
ing."

PICTURE OF THE WEEK



Photo by Sandy Bressner

Linda Mueller of Lake Villa shares a moment with her granddaughter, Kelly Hamilton, a second-grader at St. Mary of the Anunciation School, during Grandparents' Day at the Fremont Township school.

County patients examine lives

By Kyle Schmitt

Staff Reporter

In recognizing and working to curb a nationwide trend, the Lake County Health Department/Community Health Center has provided help to those who can least afford to get sick.

As in many other areas, African-Americans, Hispanics and low-income Caucasians in Lake County were most often affected by illness and health complications related to cancer, diabetes, heart disease and other health afflictions.

Their inability to pay for many treatments and tests meant that many minorities never received preventive measures that could erase the need and ease expenses for more expensive treatments later. Individuals who live in lower-

income households often also lack awareness of potential health hazards that they were more likely than most to confront.

A year ago, officials responded to the situation by joining the National Health Disparities Collaborative, an initiative geared toward changing primary health care practices to eliminate such disparities.

The health department was selected as one of 15 teams to engage a Bureau of Primary Healthcare pilot program, and has focused its first-year efforts on working to educate and screen patients for signs of cancer. At costs lower than those provided at many other care centers, the department has incorporated additional breast, cervical and colon cancer screening measures into primary care visits.

"If a woman has a mammogram

and discovers a small lump next year, that is much easier to deal with than if that woman had discovered a very large lump four or five years down the road," said Irene Pierce director of primary health services for the Lake County Health Department/Community Health Center.

Though physicians have seen the number of patients they examine increase from 19,000 to 40,000 per year within the past decade, a decision was made by county health officials to provide more personalized care for local residents. When visiting the health department, patients are now asked about their eating, exercise and socialization habits, and matched with physicians who hold an expertise in the field in

Please see PATIENTS / C6

Changes coming to board

By Jeff Zachary

Staff Reporter

The Lake County Board will meet on Dec. 6 at 9 a.m. to vote for who they want to be chairman for the next two years.

It will then adjourn and reconvene as the Lake County Forest Preserve District Board and elect its chairman.

And if things go as expected there will be no surprises.

"It looks to me like Suzy Schmidt has the votes to keep the county board chair and Bonnie Thomson Carter has the votes to keep the forest preserve chair," said Bob Powers (R-Round Lake Beach.)

"They are not easy jobs and I think they are both doing a good job. Bonnie has a lot of work to do if she remains chair," he added.

Steve Carlson (R-Gurnee) commented, "I agree with Bob that they have the votes. I think it's fortunate that we were able to find a depth of talent from the Republican Party to fill the top two spots. I hope the trend maintains itself with committee chairmanships."

Sandy Cole (R-Grayslake) had announced three weeks ago that she was challenging Schmidt for the top job but conceded the votes just were not there.



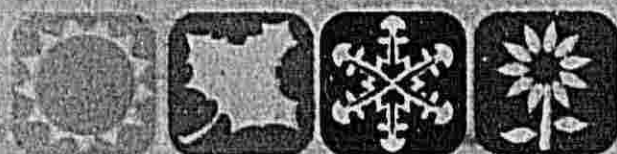
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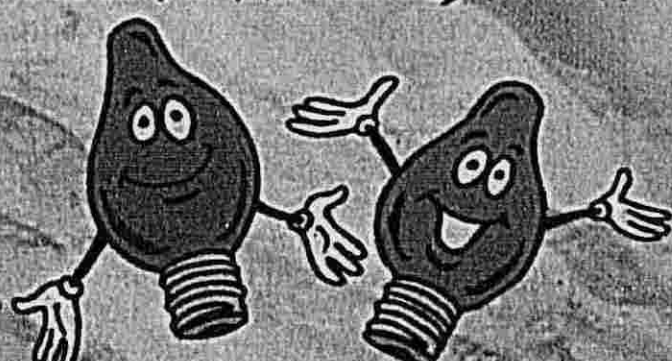
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Parking garage could open soon

By Jeff Zachary
Staff Reporter

The Lake County Board has passed a resolution authorizing the chairman of the board to execute an intergovernmental agreement with the City of Waukegan for off street parking for Lake County government usage.

"It says off street parking but it is really for the new parking garage," said Brent Paxton (R-Zion) chairman of the finance committee.

"It is a contract for 150 parking spaces at the new (Waukegan) garage. The first year will be at \$4,000 and then after that it will be \$4,500 a month. It is greatly needed so I move for approval," Paxton said to the county board.

"Just so you know, this is the first step in getting our (County) garage open to the public," said Suzi Schmidt, Lake County Board chairman. "When the City gets their's done, I anticipate getting our's open in December," Schmidt said.

The parking garage issue came to a head in July at a county board meeting when former Zion Mayor Chuck Paxton, father of Brent, expressed what a lot of people have been saying for years and that is that it's time to reopen the County parking garage to the public.

The parking lot was closed by Lake County Sheriff Gary Del Re after the terrorist attack of Sept. 11, 2001.

At the July meeting, the elder Paxton said that when the county parking garage was being built that there was an opposition group who said the garage would end up being for employees only and that he was disappointed that that is how the parking garage ended up.

At that same meeting, Paxton said, "The 9/11 excuse for not allowing the public to use its garage lacks validity at this time...The public has been barred from the use of this garage for almost three years now."

Paxton then urged all board members

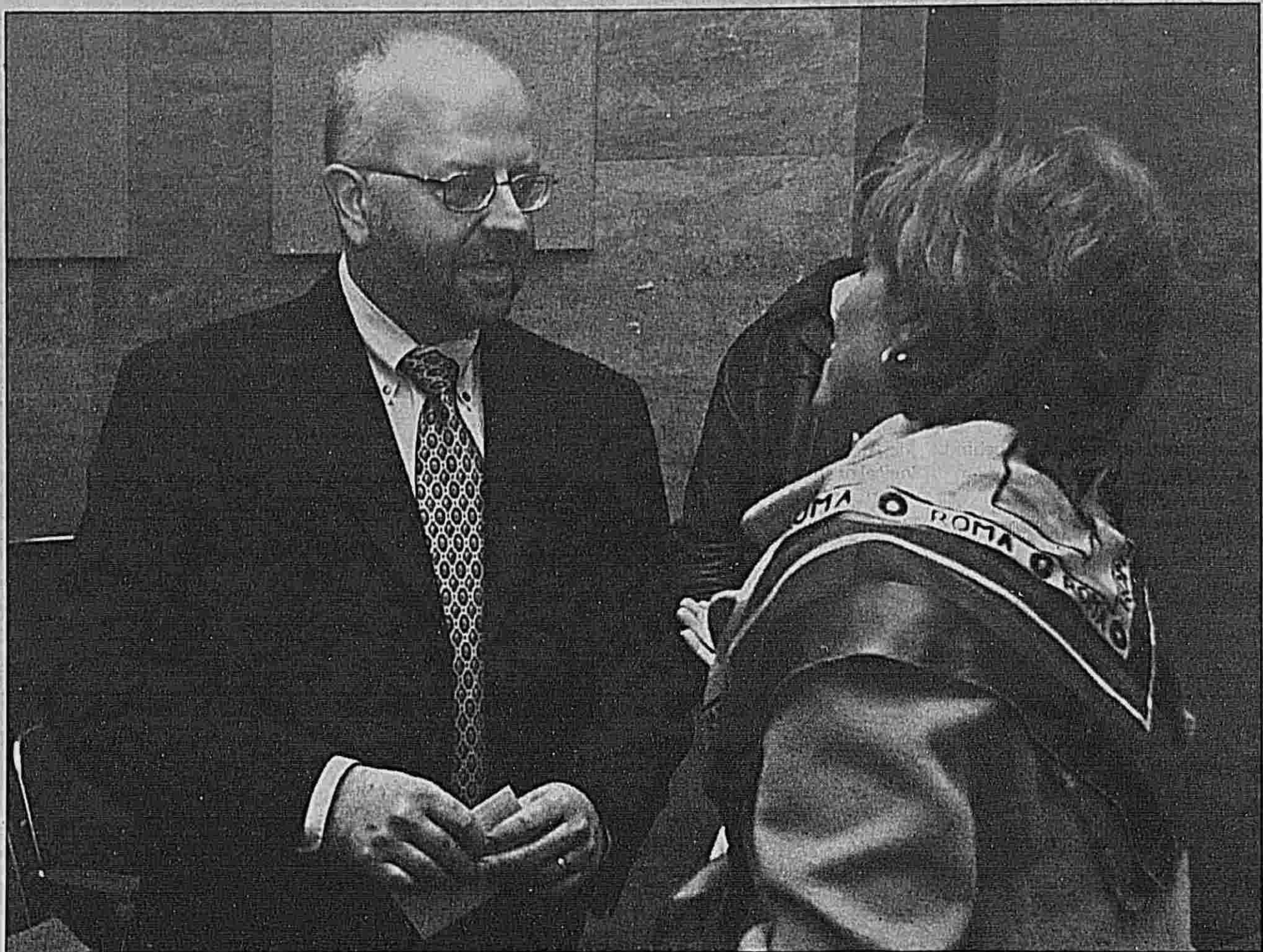


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Lake County Coroner Richard Keller is congratulated by Lake County Circuit Judge Mary Shostok after being sworn in at the Lake County Courthouse.

to refuse to use their reserved parking spaces for a month to show their support for an open parking garage.

Schmidt agreed with Paxton that the

terrorist attack of Sept. 11, 2001, was no longer a reason to keep the parking lot closed and said she was trying to get it open in December, and now it appears it

may be open to the public before the end of the year.

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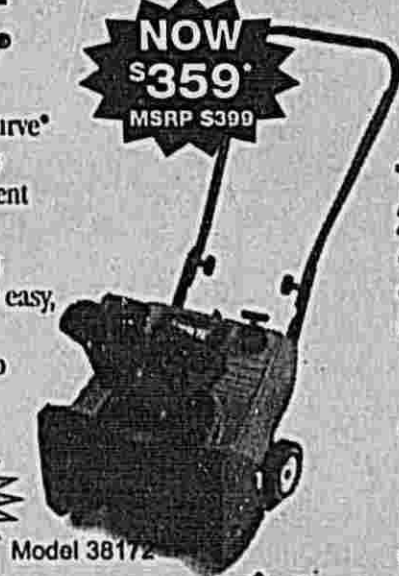
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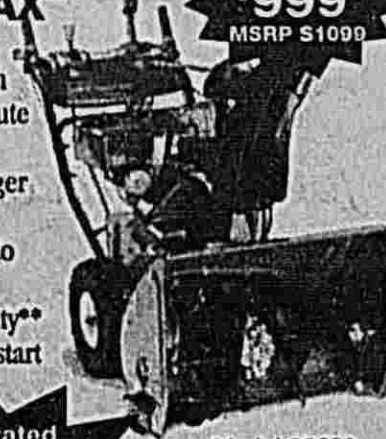


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CLC elects new chairman

By Nicholas Alajakis
Staff Reporter

A part of its annual reorganization, the seven-member College of Lake County Board of Trustees named Lake Forest resident William Griffin its newest chairman. Anderson, a longtime board member will be taking over for Barb Oilschlager as chairman. Normal terms as chairman run a year, his term will run short however, because of elections in April.

Griffin, who also served as chairman in 1998, said he was excited to be back in the top spot.

"We alternate frequently so everyone has a chance to be the chief spokesman," Griffin said. "It's a good experience for all board members to do that."

The position does come with a bit of an increase in work load, Griffin said, but he can handle it, he added.

As she returns to a role as a normal chairperson, Oilschlager said she looks forward to the college's future. The school has come a long way in the past 10 years, and she said the board would like to continue that.

One the immediate tasks at hand, is choosing a new president, to replace Gretchen Naff, who is retiring in June.

The board hopes to bring in candidates this month, Oilschlager said.

In addition to Griffin being named chairman, Grayslake resident Richard Anderson was named vice-chairman for the next five months.

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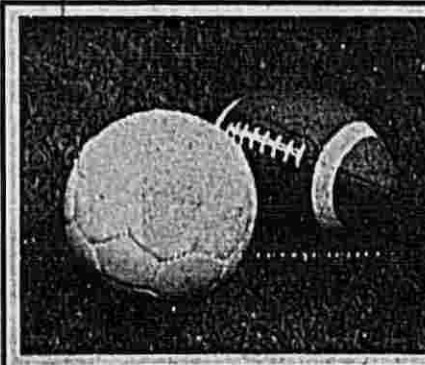
Collins named new associate judge

Chief Judge Margaret Mullen received a call from the Administrative Office of the Illinois Courts announcing that attorney Raymond D. Collins was selected as the next associate judge of the 19th Judicial Circuit, Lake County. Collins will fill the vacancy created by the retirement of Associate Judge Emilio B. Santi.

Judge Mullen said, "I am very happy for Ray, for his family and most importantly, for the people of Lake County. Ray brings a wealth of relevant legal experience and has a wonderful temperament for the bench." Judge-Elect Collins stated, "I am honored by this appointment and I will be proud to serve

the 19th Judicial Circuit for many years."

Collins received his Bachelor of Science degree in 1986 from Indiana University and he earned his Juris Doctor from IIT/Chicago-Kent in 1989. After being admitted to the Illinois Bar in 1989, Collins began his legal career as an associate with the Waukegan law firm of Morrison and Morrison in the general practice of law. In 1994, he opened the law offices of Raymond D. Collins in Waukegan. His practice of law includes criminal and municipal law; real estate; and state and local government. He has served as a village attorney and he is currently an administrative law judge in Elgin.



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Inmates receive help with gift giving

By Nicholas Alajakis

Staff Reporter

More than 250 children of inmates throughout Lake County will get a special surprise this Christmas from giving members in the community.

Now in its fourteenth year, a Lake County Jail program that provides gifts to needy children of inmates is growing, said LCJ Chaplain John Richardson.

Richardson, who also serves as a Deacon at St. Patrick's in Wadsworth, and Dick Globis, a night Chaplain at LCJ and Deacon at St. Gilbert's in Grayslake, are the two men behind the program.

And it's not always an easy task.

The initial task, Richardson said, is going through the jail and talking to inmates who may be interested in being part of the program.

Globis and Richardson spent the Thanksgiving weekend having inmates fill out slips of paper with the names of their children and the children's caretaker.

Local parishes and volunteers then take on the task of providing presents for the families.

Each family will normally take on one or two inmates' families, said Globis. But there instances where a family will take on up five sets of children.

After receiving names of kids, the volunteers will then contact their caretaker to find out what gifts the children could use, and what their sizes may be.

The caretakers are normally happy to be

receiving the assistance, said Globis, but there have been some not too excited.

Sometimes a mother may not want anything to do with a child's father who is incarcerated, Globis said.

Volunteers are responsible for buying two gifts per child. One gift is supposed to be a necessity, such as a warm winter coat and the other gift can be for pleasure, such as a toy. And to personalize the gifts, inmates write messages to their children, Richardson said.

"(Inmates) like to fill out the tags," Richardson said. "That way they can put a personal message on it."

There are no limits on the amount of children an inmate can request gifts for, Richardson said. As long as all children are biological or step children and under 16.

This year one inmate put six step children and six biological children on his list.

And in addition to bringing clothing and toys to children, some volunteers go out of their way, and may bring gifts or food baskets to other members of the family, Richardson said.

This year 90 inmates will take part in the program, with 266 children receiving gifts. It's one of the larger turnouts they've had, Richardson said.

The gift program first came to the LCJ in 1990 after Richardson had seen a similar program work well on a federal level. Results have also been positive on the local level.

"People really appreciate what it does," Richardson said. "And the giving families really get hooked and keep giving," he added.

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Clerk praised for election competence

By Jeff Zachary

Staff Reporter

District 19 Lake County Board member Michael Talbott (R-Lake Zurich) praised Lake County Clerk Willard Helander for running such a smooth election.

"There were a lot of people who voted this time and I am very pleased to also note that there were very few problems even though we had so many voters," Talbott said at the county board meeting. "I would like to congratulate the clerk and her staff for the many-many hours they have put it," he added.

Helander then commented on the election.

"There were a lot of firsts. We had a record number of people actually come to the polls. We had 276,410 people who were in our book of voters come in to vote and an additional 688 people who believed they were registered and were prepared to fill out an affidavit as a provisional voter," Helander said.

"The closest we have ever come to that number of people being processed in the polls

was in 2000, when we had 246,000 people voting," Helander said.

She added that there were a record number of poll workers including 2,545 election workers covering 458 precincts.

"Our 30 staff people did a Herculean job of manning the phones," Helander said, who also gave a lot of credit to the election judges working at the polling places.

"I was very impressed that we didn't have complaints even like you would have in a small local election. We have actually gotten a lot of complimentary e-mails on how professional and accurate the election was," Helander said.

She added that the only dark side of the election is the new electioneering law that allows people to campaign within 100 feet of the room where voting occurs.

She also said that she was against Senate Bill 2123 that would allow for voters to register up until 14 days before an election.

Helander said it would make it impossible to have correct voter registration lists in the precincts on election day.

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Anonymous AIDS testing offered at Health Dept.

The Lake County Health Department and Community Health Center offers free anonymous and confidential AIDS-HIV testing at the following locations:

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ALOOKBACK

Lake County history from the Lakeland Archives

10 YEARS AGO • 1994

Grayslake school district 46 had just passed a policy making the schools smoke free. The policy was passed partly because of the perceived dangers of second hand smoke. The policy was accepted because of federal funding that required it.

Students at Round Lake High School were preparing to return to school, despite teachers still on strike. The teacher's strike was nearing its fifth week, and students were preparing to begin new classes with substitute teachers.

Citing it as a matter of economic need, Waukegan mayor William Durkin asked state lawmakers to consider his community for a new riverboat license. Waukegan was initially excluded from competing for a license because a 1989 ordinance prohibited towns on Lake Michigan from having a riverboat license.

20 YEARS AGO • 1984

Despite the park being closed, Great America, for the first time ever, allowed people to walk through the amusement park and shop at stores. While they couldn't ride

rides, many people still turned out for the event to purchase left over merchandise from the summer months.

The City of Park City was looking to fill an alderman opening. A motion to fill the position with a Parks' employee was voted down by other council members. One council member said they were upset that the opening for the 1st Ward was not filled.

25 YEARS AGO • 1979

Grayslake trustees were urging the village's planning commission to discuss the development of subdivision with officials in neighboring Hainesville. The trustees wanted to look at the amount of traffic that would be generated from the 320 home proposal.

Grayslake police were continuing to investigate incidents where six windows were broken in two weeks. Police said they suspect that vandals are breaking the windows using BB guns.

The College of Lake County received a highway safety grant to conduct an emergency medical technician course. The 81-hour course was designed to train personnel who will serve as ambulance crews.



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First-graders from Fairhaven Elementary in Mundelein pretend to be turkeys for the Thanksgiving holiday in 1994.

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Coroner's campaign used new textbook

A Republican strategist analyzed how the Lake County GOP lost the coroner's race in 2004, an office it has held since the county came into being 150 years ago. The analysis offers an explanation not only of how an election was lost, but how politics has changed in this locality.

Since candidate Jim Wipper had 13 years of unblemished service and a record of good and faithful service as a deputy coroner before appointed to succeed one of the most popular officials in county history, Barbara Richardson, the decision was made to run Wipper as an erstwhile incumbent. Wipper would have benefitted greatly facing a primary election opponent. As it was, his inexperience as a campaigner showed up badly in the general election.

The strategist said Wipper dutifully attended party functions at the expense of presenting his candidacy at public forums on politics where independents and Democrats would be in attendance. Party functionaries call this "speaking to the choir." At the open forums such as senior citizen gatherings and non-partisan events, Democrats skillfully utilized the settings to hammer on general 2004 election issues—health care, jobs, treatment of minorities, war on terrorism, even foreign policy. All interesting and pertinent topics worthy of public debate, but nothing to do with the operation of the coroner's office.

At the same time, Democrats utilized strong organizational tactics to dominate public meetings, utilizing often not-so-subtle ways to suggest momentum for the Democratic nominee, Dr. Richard Keller. The Republican candidate's defeat undoubtedly was sealed in the manner Democrats exploited a gaff in the coroner's office over the way Wipper handled burial arrangements for homeless citizens. Keller raised ethical questions. In the closing days of the campaign, Wipper had to deal with a sleaze factor. Keller's campaign charges were border line slander and libel, but enough to turn normally Republican voters against one of their own. Now that the election is over, outgoing Coroner Wipper's administrative decisions are fading into memory.

Lesson(s) learned for Republicans? For one thing, the Democratic opposition is here to stay. Ask supporters of outgoing Congressman Phil Crane. Primary competition, when conducted clean and fair, is good for both the party and the candidate. Primaries are excellent vehicles to introduce new faces. Treat the newcomers with respect. GOP campaigns need to be reorganized to include non-party events. Afford candidates the opportunity to "reach out" to test themselves in unfamiliar or even hostile territory. Party elders failed Coroner Wipper when circumstances called for a firm stance and a hard-hitting response. a

The way Democrats elected Keller proved that they're not relying on Politics 101 to win Lake County elections. Republicans had better brush up on their reading.

Toto, it's Illinois, and 46th at that

Every year the Pacific Research Institute produces the U.S. Economic Freedom Index, a ranking of the 50 states on various aspects of freedom. The Wall Street Journal reported on 2004 results, finding that Kansas ranks first as America's freest state while New York ranks last. Illinois ranked a dismal 46th. We'll get to that in a bit.

As WJS explained, the Index uses five categories—fiscal, regulatory, judicial, government size and welfare as measurements. Standing is determined by tax rates, state spending, occupation licensing, environmental regulations, include redistribution, right-to-work laws, minimum wage and tort law. The business newspaper pointed out that the Kansas top spot was due, in a large part, to respect for property rights, less income redistribution and less tort litigation than most states.

Besides the rankings, the WJS report was interesting due to the Institute's finding that a 10 percent improvement in a state's economic freedom score can result in a half-percent increase in annual per-capita income. If Illinois was as free as Kansas, the annual income of an average worker would increase 4.2 percent or \$1,161. Over 40 years, that would mean an additional \$87,541 in income.

Keeping company with Illinois near the bottom were Rhode Island, Connecticut and California, 49th. Following Kansas were Colorado, Virginia, Idaho and Utah. Wisconsin was 38th.

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VIEWPOINT

Home schoolers polished speakers



Bill Schroeder
Publisher

Home schools kids don't spend all day pouring over a stack of books on the kitchen table. Far from it. They get out and around for activities like sports, music, art and field trips.

Invited as a guest speaker for a group activity, I discovered that one of their favorite get-togethers is Gavel Club, a junior version of Toastmasters International, where members polish their public speaking skills.

About 20 home schoolers, ranging in age from middle school to high school, spent three hours giving speeches, critiquing the presentations, telling jokes, learning how to listen and giving 60 second off-the-cuff talks on an ever changing choice of four topics. Think that's easy? Try getting up in front of a critical audience

and talking for one minute without notes.

I was intrigued by the role of the "um/ah" counter, Liz Artlin. Gavel Club members are taught to avoid uncomfortable pauses with ums and ahs. Not a single "you know" was recorded. That mindless conversation fill-in has been popularized by sports figures and late night tv guests to the detriment of intelligent discourse. Hurrah for the Gavel Clubbers. The speakers had four minutes for their talk and Allison Kolar, timer, counted to the fraction of a second.

Featured speakers for the day were Taylor Holmes, a serious teenager who wants to become an automotive engineer; Natalie Wachlin, 11, who displayed an infectious sense of humor and Mitch Johnson, who mentioned that he plans on attending the University of

Illinois to study architecture. Their talks were put under the microscope by both student and adult evaluators. No one gets off easy at Gavel Club.

In planning for the second club meeting of the month, hands shut up all over the room for volunteers to handle meeting assignments. No shrinking violets in Gavel Club. There was no evidence of the home schoolers trying to duck their turn at the podium.

Club members study an impressive booklet entitled "Leadership and Communications." The subjects looked like senior high and college freshman material.

When it comes to young people being comfortable speaking in public, it appears that home schoolers have a head start. Make that running start.

Furry terrorists

Bowing to political correctness, no doubt, Commonwealth referred to "wildlife" in explaining the cause of power outages in the Round Lake area. Daniel Brea, regional operations manager, spoke of plans to help eliminate future wildlife outages. I'm guessing that pesky squirrels are behind the outages. Think of it. Despite all the modern technology in the world, furry "terrorists" can take down a substation, throwing a large region into darkness. Special "line guards" are being installed, Brea reported. When an animal tries to walk the wires, rollers spin preventing the animals from going any further. Special insulating devices will be employed to protect animals trying to climb equipment. All the protective devices are to be in place by Jan. 3.



SEEING IT THROUGH

John Matijevich

Fort Sheridan bids—out of bounds

The Lake County Forest Preserve District took a first full swing at bids on the Fort Sheridan Project, particularly to re-do the golf course and their first shot went, "way out of bounds." It came in over \$5 million over budget. That may be a hint of why Stephen K. Messerli was booted out as executive director of the district.

When I played golf as a real duffer, we went along with allowing a "mulligan" off the first tee. For the non-golfers, that meant that if your first shot was real bad, or out-of-bounds, you were given another shot, or "mulligan," without assessing a penalty. It gave you a fresh start.

The forest preserve district's first shot was more than just bad. Now, they must start from scratch for their fresh start. What will happen with their "mulligan?" It sure can't be "worse than the first."

I attended the forest preserve's joint committee, representing three standing committees; to discuss and review the Fort Sheridan, construction project bids. The meeting was

split in two parts, the first hour hearing from elected members of the committee, and the second hour listening to public comments, mostly from residents of the upscale homes and condominiums at the Town of Fort Sheridan.

One faction of the District members, led by President Bonnie Thomson Carter, and echoed by Anne Bassi, Carol Spielman, Brent Paxton, and others used words like "disappointed, amazed, stunned, inconceivable, and shocked" to utter their dismay at the extremely high bids. Their theme was "Tell us it ain't so!"

Then there was the other group of elected members who expressed no surprise and said no one should have been shocked because they were forewarned by those who voted against the original budget. Among them were Judy Martini, Diana O'Kelly, Steve Carlson, and Randy Whitmore, who rang

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Plenty of runners in early going

With a primary election part of the spring election process, the City of Waukegan figures to capture a big slice of the action leading up to the consolidated election to choose a number of mayors and a host of trustees.

Close watchers of the political scene see smooth sailing for incumbent Mayor **Dick Hyde**, but he is expected to have plenty of company in the Democratic primary if prospective candidates circulating nominating petitions during the holidays actually file.

Two long-time aldermen, **John Balen** and **Sam Cunningham** are part of the mix in the early going. With past experience on the Lake County Board, including service as county chairman, Balen enjoys primary action to advance his theories of reviving Waukegan which tend to clash with Hyde. Cunningham sees his role as keeping the African-American base involving in politics.

Janet Kilkelly, known for leadership in park affairs, is talking about translating her experience into a candidacy for mayor.

There is a possibility of a Republican



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Challengers working hard to topple tow incumbents from county posts.

primary clash for mayor. Ald. **Pat Needham**, a leader of the Republican contingent on the Waukegan city council, is ready to run for mayor. County Board Rep. **Robert "Bob" Sabonjian** (D-Waukegan) has served noticed that he's ready to get into the fray if conditions are right. His party switch would be reminiscent of his late father's electrifying change years ago

Show time

Anti-Ft. Sheridan Republicans who wave the flag for economy in government and the Democratic bloc worked feverishly over the weekend to put together the votes to topple County Board Chair **Suzi Schmidt** and Forest Preserve President **Bonnie Thomson Carter**. Their aim is to elevate **Sandy Cole** (R-Grayslake) to the chairman's office on the 10th floor and make **Audrey Nixon** (D-North Chicago) Forest Preserve president. The strategy has worked in previous elections. Schmidt has maintained a grip on the chairmanship in the past by preventing restless GOP members from dealing with the Democratic bloc. All the maneuvering will come out into the open Monday morning, Dec. 6, when newly elected County Board members will be sworn in and immediately go to work on selecting leadership for the next two years. Coles' ambition has been placated the last two go-arounds by making her vice chair.

Koske backs Irwin

Fox Lake Trustee **Cindy Irwin** is gaining momentum in her bid to unseat Mayor **Nancy Koske**. The big reason is that Irwin has the support of businessman and civic leader **Pete Jakstas**. In 2001, Jakstas was a leading supporter for the election of Koske, but they haven't been on the same page for a long time, especially over plans to use tax increment financing as a tool for economic development.

Command change

A Harvard-trained lawyer in the Lake County State's Attorney's has accepted the challenge of breathing life into the Waukegan Township Republican organiza-

tion. **Rod Drobinski**, an assistant state's attorney, is hopeful of signalling a new direction at a township meeting Wednesday, Dec. 8, at Madison Ave. restaurant. Drobinski succeeds **Torry Newsome**, another assistant state's attorney, who resigned. With his wife, Ellie, serving on the Waukegan city council, Newsome apparently thought there was enough political activity in the family. Long-time Republican members of the township organization have expressed satisfaction that Gilda Torrez, GOP activist in the Hispanic community, is looking at a support role in party activities.

No retirement plans

Now that he's in the race for Wauconda Township Supervisor, Island Lake Mayor **Chuck Amrich** won't be getting the vacation he's been talking about after concluding five terms in spring. He'll have to get elected, of course, but with his experience and name recognition, Amrich will be running with favored status. The lure of \$42,800 supervisor's pay and the prospect of staying in engaged in public life was too much for a Amrich to ignore. Amrich is one of Lake County's longest serving mayors.

Brady's bunch

Associate Judge **Terrence J. Brady**, Lake County's lone Democratic jurist, had the honor of swearing in two newly elected Democrats to county office at a swearing in ceremony Wednesday morning. Taking their oaths from Judge Brady were re-elected Recorder **Mary Ellen Vanderventer** and newly elected coroner **Dr. Richard Keller**. They exchanged coffee toasts with two re-elected Republicans, State's Atty. **Mike Waller** and Circuit Clerk **Sally Coffelt**.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Take pride in well run election

Lake County voters can feel very good about the fine service their local election judges provided on Nov. 2. While voters in other states reportedly waited hours in line, Lake County voters had a smooth day by most accounts. Our election workers were outstanding in their commitment and patience with many new rules and procedures, as well as a huge voter turnout. Results for all races were final at 9:55 p.m.—a record for a presidential election.

Nearly 6,000 election judges were trained and more than 2,500 were in the field to serve the 277,000 voters who came out to voice their choices. More than 27,000 requests for absentee ballots were processed—another record. All 458 precincts opened at or within minutes of 6 a.m. The County Clerk's staff of 30 received nearly 8,000 Election Day telephone calls—truly amazing.

Provisional judges were trained on new federal laws for voters who did not appear registered or voters who were registered, but had moved within the county and not advised us of their new address. Twenty-three special field support representatives were assigned along with 13 technicians who support the optical ballot counters. Scores of other temporary workers delivered absentee ballots, worked at 13 transfer sites to collect precinct ballots and counting equipment, or worked in the county building to account for all ballots and materials before going home for the night. Eighteen State's Attorney staff were in the field to handle electioneering and legal concerns.

The only significant concern on Election Day was voter dissatisfaction with the state mandated "electioneering zone" which polling facilities and voters found offensive and an intrusion on them. Complaints about electioneering should be sent to legislative officials from Lake County who supported this law. The Clerk's office cannot change the law.

I especially want to thank the dedicated men and women in the County Clerk's office who often worked six days a week and many nights for months before the election. Each election they willingly do this, many without any additional pay, because they are dedicated and truly care that you are well served. However, all of us in the Clerk's office know we could not do our jobs without the tremendous team of precinct, field and transfer site workers. Congratulations to you all on a model election and proof that in Lake County our democracy truly works.

Willard Helander
Lake County Clerk

Study the record

In five months, Island Lake residents must decide who will guide the community through the next term. Be heard. Fight the impulse that bends towards cynicism. Draw your own conclusions and find the truth. If you believe you can guide Island Lake towards growth and prosperity, then stop by city hall and obtain a Petition for Public Office.

While considering Island Lake's abundant natural assets like the river, lake, wetlands, mature trees, and rolling topography, think about how much better, or worse it could look in 10 years, and how decisions that are cast in April '05, will factor in.

Lots of hearsay will emerge in the months prior to the election, much like the stuff we heard prior to Nov. 3, and much of it will be absent of proof. Disregard the opinions of those who lack substance. Cast your vote based on the record, and not on rhetoric.

Robert Gast
Island Lake

Where's control

I recently attended a Lake Villa village zoning meeting concerning the re-zoning of the Sherwood Park and Cedar Lake Park properties. Sherwood Park is looking to be rezoned to UR4 which is the highest density zoning allowed. When asked how many housing units were planned for this development, no answer could be given. Instead, we were told that the zoning committee had no plans from Buschman Homes yet.

Mayor Frank Loffredo and the Village Board need to ask themselves how they can possibly approve a rezoning without knowing what exactly the impact will be on traffic, schools, water, and the environment. Detailed plans of exactly what the UR4 zoning will allow Buschman Homes to build should be a pre-requisite prior to any zoning change.

A comment was also made by the chairman that "people all want to move in and then allow no one else in." That is not true. What people want is control of the growth to be in place to allow schools a chance to keep up, traffic patterns to adjust and the environment to be protected.

I also ask why we have not seen signs posted on the properties with a legal notice about the proposed zoning change. We the people of Lake Villa cannot help but feel that these changes are trying to be accomplished with as little public notice as possible.

John Goth
Lake Villa

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EDITORIAL

The Pacific Research Institute ranking is not meant to be partisan, but we couldn't help but notice that most of the top ranking states are red states; the bottom was predominantly blue.

About the depressing Illinois ranking: Plenty of room in the Land of Lincoln for improvement. Big improvement could be had with enactment of a cap on personal injury lawsuits. Elected officials beginning at the village and township level could resist the

urge for more spending. State legislators can curb the temptation to license more and more occupations. Certainly new laws like one now before the General Assembly to expand a variety of taxes under the guise of real estate tax relief should be resisted.

Dorothy's comment in the Wizard of Oz to her faithful four-legged companion comes to mind. "Toto, I have a feeling we're not in Kansas anymore." No, Toto, we're in Illinois.

COMMENTARY

out a chorus of "We told you so!"

After the original shock wore off, there wasn't too much discussion that led to the eventuality that all bids must be rejected. Everything goes back to the staff to study how things can be pared down to meet the original budget of \$14.5 million.

To what should have been no one's surprise, the largest over-bids reflected the high cost of virtually building a new "upper end" golf course. By the way, there are still undercurrents of going in that direction. Brent Paxton made comments like "we have one chance to do it right," and "how much of a debt service can we afford?" Also, Carol Calabressa gave hints of the grander scale and said that at the plush Kohler Golf Courses in Kohler, Wis., there seem to be mostly Illinois license plates. I almost wanted to shout out that those courses were built by private money, subsidized by the mega-rich Mr. Kohler, the famous plumbing manufacturer.

I say all of the above because we know what happened at Thunderhawk, and the public backlash over it. Yet, at the meeting, Brent Paxton said that he has been approached by some who have said, why didn't the district build bigger banquet facilities there, accommodating 300 people, instead of 200. Come on, Brent, enough is enough. You may need a refresher course in the real mission of the forest preserve district.

The district joint committee meeting means, in effect that the Fort Sheridan project will be delayed a year, if all goes well. The project will be phased in with the highest priority given to building new trails and the eco-

logical restoration of bluffs and ravines at the 269 acre site. The construction of the new golf course will be the last phase.

Another major issue must be addressed, and if it weren't for Judy Martini, it would have been glossed over. Forest Preserve District entered into an agreement with the Town of Fort Sheridan that the district would move and use about 20,000 cubic yards of fill dirt, a stockpile of dirt from the housing development, the dirt to be used for re-vamping the golf course. The agreement was that the district would eventually be paid back the costs, which appeared to be estimated at \$993,000.

The problem is that the 20,000 cubic yards has ballooned to over 200,000 cubic yards, and the stockpile has become a sort of dumping ground. If the forest preserve district were deemed liable to remove the entire 200,000, or more cubic yards off-site, it could cost up to \$4 million, which appears nowhere in the budget. That means that the total costs could run about \$9 million over budget.

Yet, almost everyone who has built at the Town of Fort Sheridan and testified believes "we owe it to them." And they believe that the upscale golf course should "go on course." All except one. A gentleman by the name of William Byrne. He said that he has retired and played golf in many states. He said, "we do not need another golf course in Lake County," and he said all we need is for the Fort Sheridan golf course to be a usable, affordable golf course.

Anything else would be "out of bounds."

Kolb hired as public works director

By Jeff Zachary
Staff Reporter

Peter Kolb has been hired as the new public works director for Lake County replacing Al Galantha.

Kolb has been working as the chief engineer for the public works department for 12 years and has 27 years of experience in civil and municipal engineering. He replaces Galantha who retired after 33 years.

Kolb defeated 50 other applicants after a nationwide search, and will begin his new position on Dec. 6 at an annual salary of \$128,750.

"We always talk about going on these national searches and quite often after we do we find people from not within our little family," said Suzi Schmidt (R-Lake Villa), Lake County Board chairman. "But we did the search and we realized we did have the right person with us all the time. This is not a simple job. Sewer systems are not the easiest thing to understand."

Carol Calabresa (R-Libertyville) said she was happy with the appointment.

"It's really wonderful that when we do go on a national search and we are able to promote from within and we don't have to spend that time letting somebody try to find where the 50-something communities are," Calabresa said.

Pam Newton (R-Vernon Hills) also praised Kolb.

"I have been a huge fan of yours," Newton said. "I also want you to know that the accolades around the county are very loud about this appointment. You have already earned the respect of those you are serving," Newton said.

The primary responsibility of the Lake County Department of Public Works is to provide water and sanitary sewer service to widely distributed portions of the county.

Kolb said he is extremely excited about the challenges facing the public works department in the future and will be focusing on rehabilitating an aging sewer system and motivating a diverse workforce.

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Carmel students commended

Carmel High School is proud to announce that 19 seniors have been named Commended Students in the 2005 National Merit Scholarship Program. Commended students placed among the top 5 percent of more than one million students who sat for the 2003 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test. These students have demonstrated outstanding academic potential by their strong performance in this highly competitive program. Carmel congratulates the following members of the Class of 2005: Alexandra M. Beiriger of Lake Forest; Patrick M. Cain of Grayslake, Steven S. Danna of Great Lakes, Christopher R. DeBoo of Gurnee, Christian T. Deme of Hawthorn Woods, Michael A. Garamoni of Mundelein, Lauren M. Hock of Libertyville, James P. Hotchkiss of Hawthorn Woods, Dorothy A. Jenke of Hawthorn Woods, Heather M. Jones of Vernon Hills, Angela S. Kalsi of Grayslake, Kevin M. Lastres of Lake Zurich, Mary K. Mattingly of Third Lake, Katherine B. Quille of Mundelein, Clare E. Rupprecht of Gurnee, Jessica A. Saltiel of Libertyville, Katie A. Schlax of Mundelein, Theresa R. Smith of McHenry, Stefan M. Zeidler of Lake Zurich.

Child, family welfare agency adopts new name

Central Baptist Family Services, a multi-state group of family-focused child welfare organizations, announced that it is now operating as Kids Hope United.

The new identity leverages the organization's long history of innovation and leadership in managing complex social services. Kids Hope United has been nationally recognized for its entrepreneurial approach and efficient, results-oriented operations. The organization was honored as one of 30 Adoption Excellence

Award Winners by the Department of Health and Human Services in 2003.

Statewide scholarship contest

The CBAI Foundation for Community Banking announces its 2005 annual Scholarship Program, which enables Illinois high school seniors to enter a statewide essay-writing contest. The goal of the program, sponsored by CBAI member banks and thrifts, is to increase public awareness of community banks and their contributions.

Again this year, the 19th anniversary of the program, the total amount of money offered is \$16,500. A scholarship in the amount of \$1,000 a year for up to four years of higher education will be awarded to the author of the best essay submitted to the CBAI Foundation by a participating Illinois high school senior. As many as 12 additional \$1,000 awards are available, one in each of the remaining 12 CBAI-designated regions of the state. An additional \$500 will be awarded to the high school of the statewide recipient.

All high school seniors, regardless of their financial need or plans for higher education, may participate via a sponsoring CBAI member bank. To acquire a list of participating CBAI member banks, visit our web site at www.cbai.com.

Essay deadline: Entries must be received by the CBAI Foundation via the sponsoring bank by 5 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 14 to be eligible for judging. Scholarship funds will be awarded in April and May.

CBAI, a professional trade association representing approximately 510 Illinois banks and thrifts, is headquartered in Springfield.

Dominick's Foods Benefit Days

The Adult and Child Rehab Center will

hold a Shop and Share fundraising program on Dec. 6 to 8 at all Dominick's Food Stores. By shopping at Dominick's on one of those days, five percent of the total purchases, excluding tax, will be donated by Dominick's Foods to ACRC. The Adult and Child Rehab Center will use the money generated by their Shop and Share to help with the various programs provided by the Center. Anyone interested in helping by shopping at Dominick's on those dates will need a "Dominick's Benefit Days slip" and should contact the Rehab Center at 815-338-1707 or by e-mail at acrc-pr@ameritech.net.

Attention all nurses

The Council of Catholic Nurses of Lake County will hold a Saturday Advent Day of Reflection on Saturday, Dec. 4, at St. Dismas Catholic Church, 2226 N. McAree Rd., Waukegan.

This event will begin with a Mass at 9 a.m. celebrated by Rev. Ryan. The program will be a meditation by Mary McClenahan from the book by Anne Lindberg "Gifts from the Sea."

Cost for members is \$10 and \$15 for non-members.

You are asked to bring your favorite dish to pass for the Potluck Brunch.

Any questions, call Ellen at 847-249-2120 or Mary at 847-623-9125. All nurses are welcome.

Blood drive at CLC

The College of Lake County health center, in cooperation with the American Red Cross, will conduct a blood drive from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Tuesday, Dec. 7 in the Brandel Court of Building B on the Grayslake Campus.

Donors must be 17 or older, weigh at least 110 pounds, be in good health and not have donated blood within 56 days. Donors will receive a mini-physical that includes a blood pressure check and iron-level count. If you would like to save a life by donating blood, call the CLC health center at 847-543-2064 for an appointment. Walk-ins are also welcome.

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PATIENTS

which they need guidance.

"We want to change their lifestyles, and I think our patients want to do that too," Pierce said.

The new program has elicited an enthusiastic reaction from patients, said health department grant program manager Angela Trotta. Some residents receive their first breast cancer screening ever, while others who spoke little English and often did not know which tests and treatments to request found that their needs were met because the staff took time to find out what care they required.

Patients receive a self-management goal sheet and test results notification, and work

with staff to set a specific goal for themselves, such as losing weight or eating healthier foods. "Instead of a patient being passive, they become more active in their care," Trotta said. "And when the patient becomes more active, they usually end up being healthier."

Care options and risk factors become clearer because physicians may access patient information from a recently established database, which contains past screening and test dates, Trotta said.

Department officials hope to receive federal grants to expand the program to provide screenings and preventive measures for other diseases, and believe they can eventually elim-

inate the health disparities caused by low income. Additional money may be needed during future years to perform ancillary tests.

To offset the sometimes towering cost of tests (colonoscopies can cost around \$2,000), the health department has a case manager developing relationships with care specialists, who would ideally provide payment plans that are feasible for the patient. If additional funding is gained, the health department hopes to begin screening residents for heart disease, depression and diabetes within the next several years.

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BOARD

"Some people wanted to see some changes but there weren't enough. Therefore I would hope that the county board unanimously supports Suzi. It's a good thing to be unanimous and my request is that those people who were supporting me vote for her."

Schmidt (R-Lake Villa) was informed of Cole's remarks and seems pleased that she was supporting her. "I haven't heard that from Sandy but we have always worked together

well over the years. We really do have a good board. We have a decorum that you treat people the way you want to be treated and everybody does this. We have a lot of work to do and ought to be a really good two years," Schmidt said.

Carter (R-Ingleside) said she is pretty sure she has the votes needed to keep her forest preserve position. "I'm much more confident today that I will remain chair but I also know

that in this world you don't count your votes until they are made," Carter said.

Audrey Nixon (D-North Chicago) is challenging Carter and was informed that Carter thinks she has the votes.

"I can't agree with that," Nixon said. "I don't know how many votes Bonnie has but I am still trying."

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Eleanor J. Swieton

Age 82 of Round Lake Beach, died Tuesday, Nov. 23, 2004 at Condell Medical Center in Libertyville. She was born in Chicago to Joseph and Katherine (Smalec) Marcinkiewicz.

She is survived by a daughter, Katherine (Terry) Vandenberg of Round Lake; six sons, Robert (Kathleen) Swieton of Round Lake Beach, Gerald (Donna) Swieton of Round Lake Beach, Kenneth (the late Ellen) Swieton of Huntington, W. Va., Dennis (Lynn) Swieton of Libertyville, Michael (Pat) Swieton of Round Lake, William (Yvonne) Swieton of Johnsburg; 19 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren. She is preceded in death by her parents; and two sisters.

Visitation was from 6:30-8 p.m. on Nov. 26 at Justen's Round Lake Funeral Home, Round Lake. The funeral service was held at 9:30 a.m., Nov. 27 at St. Joseph Church, Round Lake. Interment was in St. Adalbert Cemetery, Niles. Memorials to the Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders Association, 4709 Golf Rd., Suite 1015, Skokie, IL 60076 or Masses in her name would be appreciated by the family.

Burton O. 'Burt' Solberg

Age 88 of Round Lake, died Saturday, Nov. 27, 2004 at Legacy Hospice House in Ocala, Fla. He was born in Chicago to Alvin and Selma Solberg. A native of the Chicago area, he moved to Round Lake in 1991 and then to Ocala, Fla. in 2001. A veteran of WWII, he served in the U.S. Navy. He was a retired sales associate for Sears, Roebuck & Co.

Survivors include his wife of 13 years; a step-daughter, Julie (Chuck) Altman; a step-granddaughter, Jodi (Lane) Cagle; two step-grandsons, Jason (Courtney) Altman and Jerry Altman; four step-grandchildren, Stephanie Altman, Cory and Abigail Cagle, and Devin Goetz; brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Jim and Arlene Beran; nieces, Debby (John) Terry, Diane (Phil) O'Marrha, Charlene Fisher and Cathy Beran; nephews, Bill (Claudia) Beebe, Ron Beebe, Jim (Sue) Beran, Steve (Stacy) Beran and John Beran. He is preceded in death by his parents; first wife, Mary and a brother, Alvin.

Visitation will be from 6-8 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 3 at Justen's Round Lake Funeral Home, 222 W. North Rosedale Ct. (at Cedar Lake Road), Round Lake. The funeral service will be at 8 p.m., on Friday, Dec. 3 at the funeral home, with the Rev. Lisle Kauffman officiating. Interment will be at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Dec. 4 at St. Joseph Cemetery, River Grove.

Carolyn Ann 'Muffy' Steele

Age 58 of East Peoria, died on Thursday, Nov. 25, 2004 at OSF St. Francis Medical Center in Peoria. Born on Feb. 1, 1946 in Libertyville to C. Allen and Marion Decker Hudson.

She married James H. 'Jim' Steele on June 27, 1970 in Libertyville. He survives. Also surviving are one aunt, two cousins, two nieces and two nephews and many loving friends. She is preceded in death by her parents and her special Aunt Harriet.

She was a graduate of Libertyville High School and received a Bachelor of Science and Master of Arts degree at Bradley University in Peoria. She taught for East Peoria District 86 at Bolin, Armstrong, and Lincoln Grade Schools and also Central Jr. High in East Peoria for 33 years.

She was a recipient of the Outstanding Educators of America Award, and also the "Those Who Excel" Award for the State of Illinois and she was also in "Who's Who." She initiated competitive basketball for girls in the East Peoria school system. She was a member

of the First United Methodist Church of East Peoria and its Mary Martha Circle. She was an active member of the Laureate Gamma Rho Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi.

She was a member of the American Association of University Women in Peoria and actively worked as their lobbyist in Peoria and Springfield for the passage of the Equal Rights Amendment. She enjoyed attending the symphony, the theater, and sharing her home in Door County, Wis. with family and friends.

Services were held at 11 a.m., Nov. 29, at First United Methodist Church in East Peoria. The Rev. Dr. Alan Newhall officiated. Visitation was from 1-4 p.m., Nov. 28, at Deiters Funeral Home in Washington, IL, with additional visitation one hour prior to services at the church Nov. 29 (10-11 a.m.). Graveside services were held at 1 p.m., Nov. 30 at Ivanhoe Cemetery in Ivanhoe. Memorials may be made to Walk for the Mind, P.O. Box 3033, Peoria, IL 61614-3033, District 86 Memorial Fund, or to her church.

Matthew A. Vedder

Infant of Round Lake Beach, passed away Saturday, Nov. 20, 2004 at Condell Medical Center in Libertyville.

Survivors include his parents, Brian G. and Ronny V. (Daugherty) Vedder Sr.; two brothers, Corey Allen Ryan and Brian Gary Vedder Jr.; maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert (Cindy) Vedder of Round Lake Beach; paternal grandmother, Mrs. Gerda Vedder of Stuttgart, Germany; maternal great-grandmother, Edith Kontaxis of Round Lake Heights; six aunts, Nicole Jewell of Round Lake Beach, Susan (Dennis) Robinson of Round Lake Park, Diane (Charles) Franklin of Round Lake Heights, Barbara (Wesley) Scholz of Round Lake Heights, Mary (Wade) Scholz of Round Lake Heights, Gloria (James) Anderson of Round Lake Beach; an uncle, Stephen (Gundla) Vedder of Germany; and many cousins. He is preceded in death by his paternal grandfather, Gary Vedder.

Visitation was held on Nov. 24 from 5-7:30 p.m. Funeral Service was held at Justen's Funeral Home, Round Lake. Interment was private.

Robert D. Gilly

Age 84 of Antioch passed away Tuesday, Nov. 23, 2004. He was born in Elgin, the son of the late Daniel and Mary (Winkler) Gilly. He was a retired auto mechanic from Drovers and then Rebers, both of Barrington. He served in the U.S. Army during WW II. On May 11, 1946 he married Hildegard B. Dietz in Palatine, and she preceded him in death on May 29, 2004.

Survivors include two sons, Robert A. (Lynn) of Roselle, and Barry W. (Marge) of Spring Grove, four grandchildren, his son-in-law David Smreck of Waukegan, Wis., three brothers, three sisters, and his cousins, nephews and nieces. In addition to his wife and parents he is preceded in death by his daughter, Barbara E. Smreck and a sister.

Funeral Services were held at 7 p.m., Nov. 29, at the Strang Funeral Home of Antioch. Visitation began at 3 p.m. Private interment was in Randall Park Cemetery, Arlington Heights. In lieu of flowers those desiring may make donations to the Multiple Sclerosis Society or the American Cancer Society or Condell Hospice of Libertyville in his memory.

John J. Fleura

Age 68, a resident of Ingleside for over 40 years, formerly of Wheeling and Chicago, died on Thursday, Nov. 25, 2004 at Wauconda Health Care Center in Wauconda. He was born on Jan. 4, 1936 to John (Figliuolo) Fleura and Irene (nee Kowalski) in Chicago. He was a tool and die maker by profession having worked for Imperial Stamp and Engraving Co. in Mt. Prospect for many years.

He is survived by his wife, Cathy Fleura

(nee Versgrove) of Ingleside; his sons, John (Linette) Fleura of Salem, Wis., and Shawn Fleura of Chicago; his daughter, Tamara (David) Worhack of Chandler, Ariz.; his sisters, Joanne Chmura of Fox Lake and Christine Figliuolo of Spring Grove; his grandchildren, Kyle and Zachary Worhack and Mataya Fleura; nieces, nephews, and other relatives.

Visitation was held on Nov. 29 from 4:30-8 p.m. at the K. K. Hamsher Funeral Home, in Fox Lake. A Committal Service was conducted Nov. 30 at Windridge Chapel, Cary. Burial followed at Windridge Cemetery in Cary. In lieu of flowers, memorials in his memory will be appreciated for the American Diabetes Assn., 30 N. Michigan Ave., Suite 1015, Chicago, IL 60602.

Stanley C. Jendras

Age 78 of Bristol, Wis., passed away Tuesday, Nov. 23, 2004 at his home. He was born in Chicago, the son of the late Adam and Eva (Augustyn) Jendras. Stan served in the US Navy during WWII as a signalman on the USS Munda, was a member and past Commander of the Antioch VFW Post 4551. He had been a volunteer at the VA Medical Center in North Chicago for 10 years.

On June 2, 1951 he married Joan Gac at St. Adalbert's Church in Chicago and she preceded him in death on Sept. 18, 2004.

Survivors include: his three children: Cindy (John) Antene of Brookfield, Kathy (Art) Burns of Naperville, and John (Judy) Jendras of Downers Grove; 13 grandchildren; two sisters, his sister-in-law, and many nieces and nephews. In addition to his wife, he is preceded in death by three brothers, and three infant siblings.

Funeral services with Mass of Christian Burial was held at 11 a.m., Nov. 27, at St. Scholastica Church, Bristol, Wis. Interment was in the parish cemetery. Visitation was held from 4-8 p.m., Nov. 26, and from 9:30 a.m., Nov. 27, at Strang Funeral Home, Antioch. Those desiring may make donations to the VA Medical Center, North Chicago, IL or the American Heart Association in his memory.

Jack H. Baldwin

Age 79, a former resident of Lake Villa, and Salem and Tomahawk, Wis., and a longtime resident of Ingleside, died Monday, Nov. 22, 2004 in Pleasant Prairie, Wis. He was born on May 6, 1925 in Lake Villa to Edgar and Martha "Marty" (nee Hartwig) Baldwin, and had graduated from Grant Community High School. He was a veteran having served in the U.S. Marines during WWII and had been employed as a tool grinder with V.R. Wesson/Fansteel Tool and Die manufacturing Co. in North Chicago, for many years before his retirement. He loved reading, watching football and was a history buff.

Survivors include, his nieces and nephews, Kristine (Charles) Pratt of Tierra Verde, Fla., Peter Michael "Pete" (Susie Szczepaniak) Kukla I of Antioch, Terri (Klaus) Malenke of Camarillo, Calif., Joseph (Nanci) Kukla of Richmond; his great nieces and nephews, Peter Michael Kukla II of Fox Lake, Andrew (Kris) Harrington of Ingleside, Jeffrey and Joey Kukla both of Richmond, Rachel Pratt of Florida, Heather Malenke of California and Alicia Szczepaniak of Antioch. He is preceded in death by his parents and by his sister, Edith "Edie" Kukla.

Visitation was held on Nov. 29 from 10 a.m.-noon. Funeral Service began at noon with Rev. Lisle J. Kauffman officiating. Burial followed at Grant Cemetery in Ingleside.

Ronald W. Tubbs

Age 66 of Antioch, passed Saturday, Nov. 27, 2004 at the Norwegian American Hospital, Chicago. He was born in Morning Sun, Iowa, the son of the late Oscar and Pearl (Smith) Tubbs. On June 10, 1967, he married Mary O'Connor in Chicago and she

preceded him in death on Oct. 22, 1989; also his first wife, Barbara Mehl Tubbs on July 24, 1964.

Survivors include two sons, Steve (Carrie) Tubbs of Antioch and Ron (Ellene) Tubbs of Crystal Lake; a daughter, Jean (Bill) Lusk of Killeen, Tex.; a sister; a brother; six grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Funeral Service will be held at 10 a.m., Friday, Dec. 3 at the Strang Funeral Home of Antioch. Interment will be in Hillside Cemetery in Antioch. Visitation was from 4-8 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 2.

Alexis May Kazian

Age 2 of Libertyville, passed away Wednesday, Nov. 24, 2004 at her home. Alexis battled cerebral palsy and a brain injury for two years.

She was born in Libertyville and was the loving daughter of Kris and Kristy Kazian and dear sister of Kate Landolt and Emma Kazian, all of Libertyville. Also surviving are her grandparents, Dennis and Sharon Dumrauf of Buffalo Grove, Nancy (John DeVos) Edmunds of Round Lake, Greg (Merrie) Kazian of Kenosha, Wis. and many devoted aunts, uncles and cousins.

A Funeral Service was held at 11 a.m., Nov. 27 at Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Libertyville. Interment followed at Lakeside Cemetery. Visitation was from 3-8 p.m., Nov. 26 at the Burnett-Dane Funeral Home in Libertyville. A fund has been established to help special needs children in her memory. The Alexis Kazian Memorial Fund, c/o of Libertyville Bank & Trust, 1200 S. Milwaukee Ave., Libertyville, IL 60048.

John A. Kreft

Age 80 of Lake Villa, passed away Monday, Nov. 22, 2004 at the Northern Illinois Medical Center in McHenry. John and his wife were the former owners of the Kreft Resort in Fox Lake. He was a U.S. Army veteran, having served in the Philippine Islands during WWII.

Surviving are his daughter, Janice (Mark) Snelten of Fox Lake; stepson Fred Krasinski of Ingleside; five grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; a sister and a brother. He is preceded in death by his parents, Anthony and Mary Kreft; by his wife, Lucille Kreft on April 24, 2002 and by a stepson, Paul Kreft.

Funeral Service was held at 6 p.m., Nov. 27 at the Burnett-Dane Funeral Home in Libertyville. Visitation was from 4 p.m. until the time of service on Nov. 27. Interment was at St. Adalbert Cemetery in Niles.

Raymond B. Bruhn

Age 92 of Trevor, Wis., passed away Tuesday, Nov. 23, 2004 at the Kenosha Hospital and Medical Center in Kenosha, Wis. He was born in Evanston, the son of the late Fredrick and Ella (Kaehler) Bruhn. Ray served in the U.S. Army Air Corp during WWII as a T/Sgt. serving in the China, Burma and India Theater. He was an auto salesman with Pittman Pontiac, which he helped establish, Lyons and Ryan Ford in Antioch and Downtown Motors, Chicago. On Jan. 24, 1942, he married Pauline "Polly" Lewis in Evanston and she preceded him in death on Dec. 8, 1994.

Survivors include his son, Charles Bruhn of Northridge, Calif., and his daughter, Gay Ellen Bruhn Ed.D. of Aurora; two grandchildren; one great-granddaughter; his sister-in-law and dear friend Bonnie Grabenhofer. In addition to his wife, he is preceded in death by a brother and two sisters.

Funeral service was held at 3 p.m. Nov. 27 at the Strang Funeral Home of Antioch with visitation beginning at 1 p.m. Interment was in Hillside Cemetery in Antioch.

Irene H. Kedzierski

Age 90 of Vernon Hills, passed away Monday, Nov. 22, 2004 at the Condell Medical Center in Libertyville.

Surviving are her son, James (Mary Lou) Kay of Lincolnshire; her granddaughter, Kathleen (Bryan) Austin of Chicago and her sister. She is preceded in death by her husband Sigmund Kedzierski and her parents, Stanley and Teckla Lukas.

A graveside service for her family was held on Nov. 29 at St. Adalbert Cemetery in Niles. A Memorial Mass will be held at 11 a.m., Saturday, Jan. 8, 2005 at St. Mary of Vernon Catholic Church in Indian Creek. Arrangements were handled by the Burnett-Dane Funeral Home in Libertyville.

Christopher M. Mobile

Age 33 of Libertyville, passed away suddenly, Friday, Nov. 26, 2004 in Sarasota, Fla. He was a graduate of Libertyville High School and former social worker at the Riverside Foundation in Lincolnshire.

Surviving are his father, Michael Mobile of Libertyville; his mother, Sharyl (Jack) Dobson of Cedarburg, Wis.; two sisters; two brothers and many loving aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces and nephews.

Prayer Service was held at 9:30 a.m., Dec. 2, at the Burnett-Dane Funeral Home in Libertyville. Services continued to St. Joseph Church for the Funeral Mass at 10 a.m. Interment followed at Ascension Cemetery. Visitation was at the funeral home from 3-8 p.m., Dec. 1. Memorial contributions can be made to the Safe Zone Community Art Center, 5505 W. Lloyd St., Milwaukee, WI 53208.

Guadalupe Guerra

Infant daughter of Noel Guerra and Maribel Morales of Mundelein, passed away Wednesday, Nov. 24, 2004 at the Condell Medical Center in Libertyville.

Also surviving are her sister, Giselle and grandparents, David and Andrea Morales and Ramon and Raquel Guerra, all of Mundelein.

Funeral Service was held at 3 p.m., Nov. 30 in the Chapel at Ascension Cemetery in Libertyville. Interment followed in the Holy Innocents section of the cemetery. Arrangements were handled by the Burnett-Dane Funeral Home in Libertyville.

Florence G. Wehrs

Age 97, of McHenry, passed away Thursday, Nov. 25, 2004.

Survivors are her children, Audrye (the late William) Woller, William Wehrs, Raymond (Patricia) Wehrs, Rev. John (Shirley) Wehrs, Maureen Wehrs and Karen (John) O'Brien; 15 grandchildren and 22 great-grandchildren. She is preceded in death by her husband Raymond F. Wehrs Sr.; her brother and a sister.

Funeral Service with Mass of Christian Burial was held at 10 a.m., Nov. 29 at St. John the Baptist Church in Johnsburg. Interment was in the parish cemetery. Visitation was at the Strang Funeral Home from 3-7 p.m., Nov. 28. Friends desiring may make contributions to St. John the Baptist Church Building Fund, in her memory.

Albert Edward 'Ed' Wickland

Age 84 of Libertyville, passed away Thursday, Nov. 25, 2004, at the home of his daughter in Libertyville. He was a U.S. Army Corps veteran, having served in the European Theatre as a navigator during WWII.

Surviving are his daughter, Deborah (Michael) Aquino of Libertyville; grandson; great grandchildren; a brother and many loving nieces and nephews. He is preceded in death by his parents, Albert and Lillian Wickland; by his wife, Marjorie on Nov. 15, 1990 and by a brother.

A funeral service was held at 4 p.m., Nov. 28 at the Burnett-Dane Funeral Home in Libertyville. Visitation was from 1-4 p.m., Nov. 28.

Alvis M. Kotecki

Age 80 of Buffalo Grove, passed away Wednesday, Nov. 24, 2004 at her home.

Surviving are three children, Paul (Shelly) Kotecki, Stan Kotecki and Theresa Kotecki, all of Buffalo Grove; and two sisters. She is preceded in death by her parents, Fred and Sadie Ziegler and by her husband, Chester Kotecki in 1996.

A memorial service was held at 11 a.m., Nov. 29 at the Hope Lutheran Church in Long Grove. Visitation was for one hour prior to the service at the church. A graveside service was held on Nov. 26 at Acacia Park Cemetery in Chicago. In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to the Foundation for Fighting Blindness, in her memory. Arrangements were handled by the Burnett-Dane Funeral Home in Libertyville.

Glenn R. Wisland

Age 48 of Mundelein, passed away suddenly, Tuesday, Nov. 23, 2004 at his home. Glenn was a former I.T. Professional and Computer Analyst for Kemper Insurance Co. in Long Grove.

Surviving are his mother, Ivy "Pat" Wisland of Vernon Hills; his sister, Susan Wisland of Plano, Tex.; and three brothers. He is preceded in death by his father, Delano Wisland in 1985.

A Funeral Service was held at 7 p.m., Nov. 30 at the Burnett-Dane Funeral Home in Libertyville. Interment was at Lakeside Cemetery. Visitation was from 5-7 p.m. on Nov. 30 at the funeral home. Memorial contributions can be made to the American Diabetes Assn. in his memory.

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Schweitzer becomes Wholly Subsidiary

The E. O. Schweitzer Manufacturing Co. (EOS Mfg.) and Schweitzer Engineering Laboratories, Inc. (SEL) have announced that EOS Mfg. recently became a wholly-owned subsidiary of SEL.

The fault indicator market leader, E. O. Schweitzer Mfg. designs and manufactures fault indicators, voltage sensors, and current transformers for the electric power industry. The company has sold millions of high-quality fault indicators to hundreds of domestic and international customers.

"The sharing of resources and talent enabled by the two companies' new relationship will result in increased innovation, efficiency, and market strength worldwide," says Dr. Edmund O. Schweitzer, III, the President and CEO of SEL. "In addition, the synergy between EOS Manufacturing and SEL technologies will enhance SEL's ability to provide system solutions that result in increased system reliability. It's an exciting time for both companies as well as for our customers."

Abbott recognized for supporting national Guard

Abbott has been selected as a recipient of the prestigious 2004 Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR) award in Illinois. The award was given in recognition for providing meritorious leadership and initiative in support of the men and women who serve the United States of America in the National Guard and Army Reserve.

"At no time in the nation's recent history have the National Guard and Army Reserve forces contributed so much to the defense of our nation," said Bob Hollingsworth, Employee Support of the Guard and Reserve Executive Director. "Many of America's employers have become inextricably linked to the nation's defense by sharing their most precious asset, the company's employees and were proud to honor Abbott for their exemplary support of the employees in the National Guard and Army Reserve."

Golf store swings into Gurnee

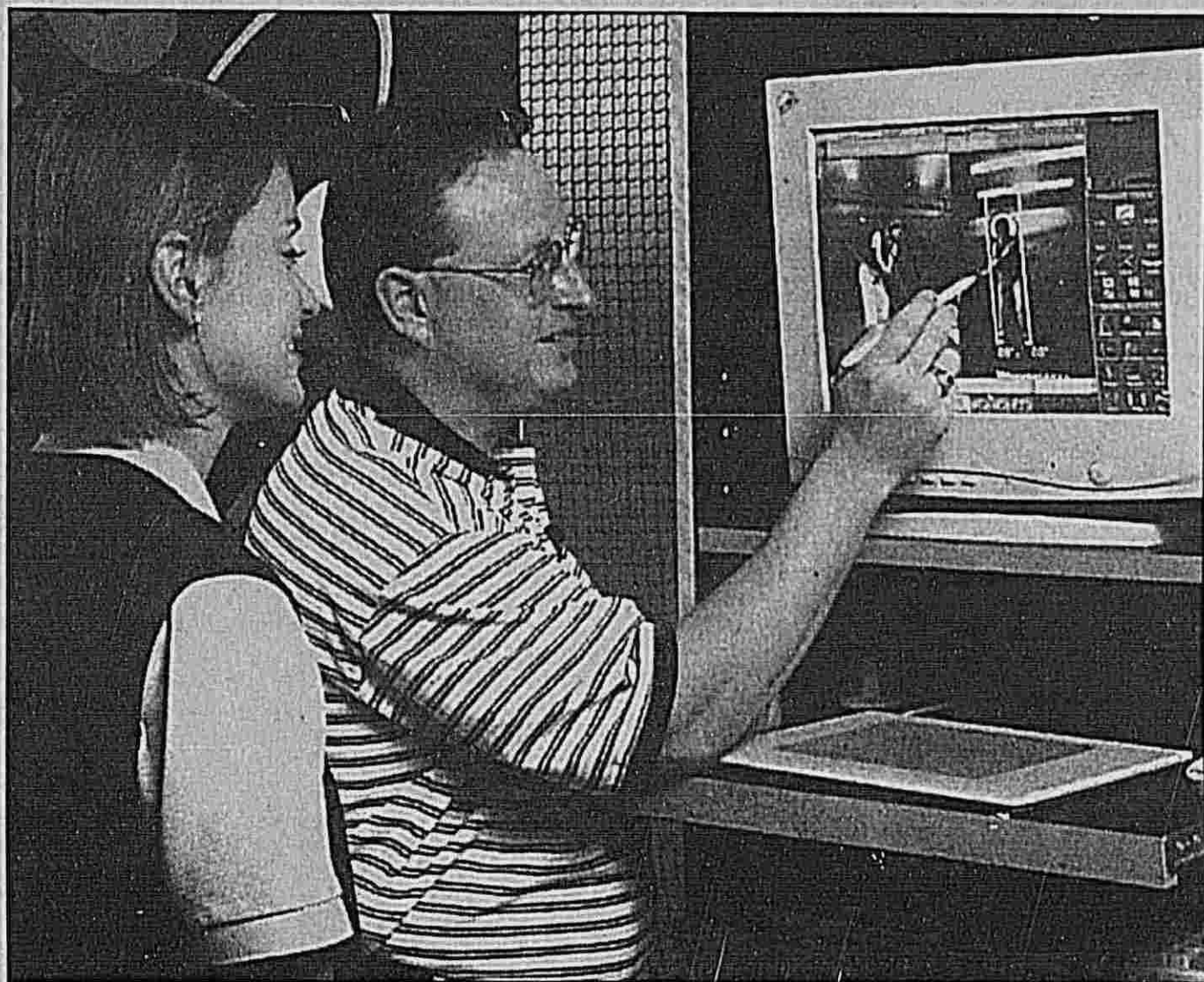
By Kyle Schmitt

Staff Reporter

In combining merchandise sales with interactive play, Golf Galaxy hopes to hit a strong drive

off the tee when it opens its new store in Lake County.

The chain has installed its 6th Chicagoland location at 6521 S. Grand Ave. in Gurnee. Opening at 10 a.m. Friday, the 16,000 square-foot store will allow customers to test their mettle in the store



Lessons with PGA professionals help customers of Golf Galaxy get the most out of their game. Students can even have their swing captured digitally, allowing them to see their form in super-slow motion.

and purchase any golf equipment or apparel they desire.

Technology abounds throughout the store, said Golf Galaxy spokesperson Patty Gibbs.

Customers will have the opportunity to utilize a ball-launch monitor, which documents how hard they hit the ball and whether their swing induces a hook or slice, and a golf course simulator that allows them to test their skills by playing through on several simulated courses. For the less adventurous, a bent-grass putting green will show how their prospective putter competes against natural breaks on the green.

The store will feature a full-time golf pro, Dan Piecha, who will give lessons, advice and help customers find suitable clubs for their game. Piecha will also use digital video swing analysis to ensure "that anyone who is making a purchase is getting the exact right club for them."

Golfers will also be able to have their clubs regripped, re-shafted or otherwise adjusted by a trained employee, whereas they would ordinarily have to send the club away for necessary repairs.

With more than 30 stores, Golf Galaxy was started by Randy Zanatta and Greg Maanum, two former Best Buy executives who combined their training and lessons learned at the corporation with a love of golf. The two were named entrepreneurs of the year for 2004 in the Minnesota-based "Twin Cities Business Monthly," and since 2001 Golf Galaxy has "really become a contender and a name to be reckoned with nationally," Gibbs said.

Golf Galaxy will provide free swing analysis and free gifts to the first 200 customers to visit the store during the Dec. 17 weekend. The three-day event will allow golfers to find out "what your swing is like and what you should be doing," Gibbs said, and customers will also receive the chance to register to win several prizes.

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February opening scheduled for prestigious practice

A date has been scheduled for the much-anticipated opening of the new Libertyville office of Deerpath Primary Care S.C.

According to John Sheridan, President of L.J. Sheridan & Co., the prestigious practice will begin seeing patients in their new 5,000 square foot facility at Grand Oaks Health Center by Feb. 1. Deerpath Primary Care provides health care services for adolescents and adults. The practice was founded by Dr. Larry Kaskel and Dr. Monika McLain, both internal medicine specialists, and includes a family practitioner, Dr. Lisa A. Newman; a Physicians Assistant, Susan Biesterfeld; and a nurse practitioner, Lisa Grant.

"Construction of the Deerpath Primary Care's new location is well under way," remarked Sheridan. "We are very pleased with the progress and are confident that Deerpath Primary Care can begin treating patients in Libertyville by Feb. 1. L.J. Sheridan & Co. is the developer and property manager at Hawthorn and Grand Oaks Health Centers at Hollister Grove, a campus dedicated to offices for the medical community."

The Hollister Grove campus has two medical buildings, Grand Oaks and Hawthorn Health Centers. There are three suites still available at Hawthorne Health Center. The Hollister Grove campus home to specialists in allergy, asthma, anesthesiology, dermatology, general dentistry, gastro-intestinal, imaging, internal medicine, neurology, ophthalmology, oncology, oral and maxillofacial dentistry, orthopedics, pain management, pediatrics, pediatric physical therapy, pediatric neurology, periodontics, physical therapy, psychology, retinal and glaucoma specialties, general sur-

gery, outpatient surgery, reconstructive surgery and vascular surgery.

Larry Kaskel, MD, received his medical degree from Rush Medical College in Chicago. He completed his Internal Medicine Internship and Residency at Rush-Presbyterian St. Luke's Medical Center in Chicago. Dr. Kaskel is certified in Internal Medicine by the American Board of Internal Medicine. He prides himself on being a good listener and running on time. Dr. Kaskel is on the staff of Lake Forest Hospital and is credentialed with most traditional health plans.

Monica McLain, MD, received her medical degree from the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor, completing her Internship and Residency requirements at University of Chicago's Michael Reese Medical Center in Chicago. Dr. McLain is also certified by the American Board of Internal Medicine and is on staff at Lake Forest Hospital.

Lisa A. Newman, MD, specializes in adult and adolescent medicine. She received her medical degree at Rush-Presbyterian St. Luke's Medical Center and completed her Residency at West Suburban Hospital in Oak Park. Dr. Newman is fluent in Spanish and prides herself on bringing a compassionate approach to medicine.

Hollister Grove is located just 5 minutes from I-94 on Milwaukee Avenue (Route 21) just north of Route 60 in Libertyville. The aesthetically pleasing campus offers beautifully landscaped grounds and exceptional architecture. The rapid growth of the local community and continued development of Gregg's Landing (directly across Milwaukee Avenue from Hollister Grove) makes the campus very attractive to growing practices.

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NEW BUSINESSES

Assumed business names

Sixto Robles Jr. d/b/a Selbor and Construction Management, 817 W. Grand Ave., Waukegan, 847-652-1073. Owner: Sixto Robles Jr. Purpose: Real Estate Investments

Manus Dental, 48 S. Old Rand Rd., Lake Zurich, 847-438-6485; 11 Nippersink Blvd., Fox Lake, 847-587-5053. Owner: Dr. Don Dohnalek. Purpose: Dentistry

PC North Electronics, 892 Swan Ln., Deerfield, 847-748-2005; 2033 N. Milwaukee Ave., #200, Riverwoods, 847-748-2005. Owner: Ryan Blechman. Purpose: Computer Consulting and Broker

Fabulous Finishes, 33601 Royal Oak, Wildwood, 847-543-1847. Owner: Leslie Cicero. Purpose: Decorative Painting

Circular Heating and Cooling, 2503 Highland Dr., Lindenhurst, 847-702-7000. Owners: Tomasz B. Malyszko, Robert M. Petit. Purpose: HVAC Installation and Service

Changing Seasons Heating and Air Conditioning, 720 White Birch Ln., Lake Zurich, 847-726-6907. Owners: Chris Dempsey, Beata Dempsey. Purpose: HVAC Services

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MB: 19X18 BR5: 13X11
DR: 14X14 DEN: 15X14
BR2: 15X13 REC: 40X26
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BR3: 14X12 Baths: 3.2

2003 taxes: \$7,539

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**2440 Ridgeland
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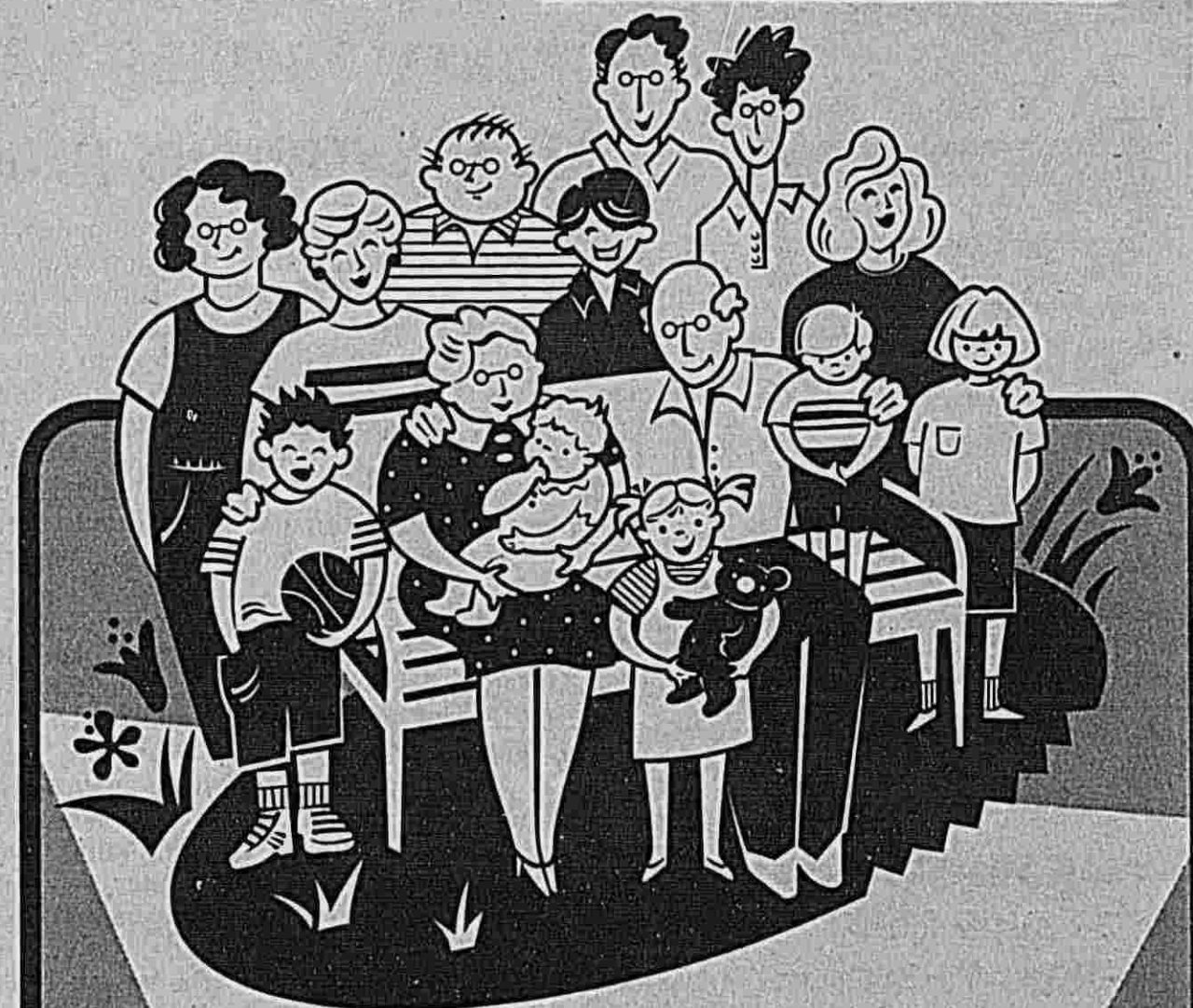
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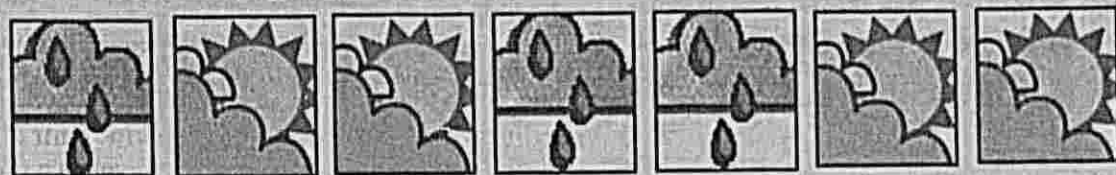
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Lo	32	38	42	37	28	22	28
Forecast	Rain	Mostly Cloudy	Mostly Cloudy	Rain	Rain	Mostly Cloudy	Mostly Cloudy
Record High	69 • 1982	62 • 1961	64 • 1975	65 • 1951	60 • 1980	63 • 1966	61 • 1991
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Sunrise	7:02 A.M.	7:03 A.M.	7:04 A.M.	7:05 A.M.	7:06 A.M.	7:06 A.M.	7:07 A.M.
Sunset	4:20 P.M.	4:19 P.M.	4:19 P.M.	4:19 P.M.	4:19 P.M.	4:19 P.M.	4:19 P.M.
Moonrise	10:30 P.M.	11:34 P.M.	No Rise	12:40 A.M.	1:48 A.M.	2:59 A.M.	4:15 A.M.
Moonset	12:09 P.M.	12:31 P.M.	12:52 P.M.	1:12 P.M.	1:32 P.M.	1:56 P.M.	2:24 P.M.

Source: National Weather Service

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	Nov. 24	Nov. 25	Nov. 26	Nov. 27	Nov. 28	Nov. 29	Nov. 30
Pick 3 Midday	438	008	223	038	N/A	274	248
Pick 3 Nighttime	863	111	624	919	468	156	600
Pick 4 Midday	1911	1827	9568	8197	N/A	6093	6443
Pick 4 Nighttime	8997	4406	8708	3344	1973	8559	6537
Little Lotto	04-18-22-25-34	15-17-25-31-32	01-02-06-21-26	02-09-12-19-36	09-20-21-33-35	13-14-27-29-36	05-08-10-25-34
Lotto	04-08-12-32-33-40	No drawing	No drawing	08-19-29-31-39-49	No drawing	No drawing	No drawing
Mega	No	No	07-09-18-	No	No	No	10-20-22-

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PARENT'S PLACE

Dr. Sherri Singer

Hi Dr. Singer,

Our son has trouble in school with anything that requires multiple steps like Math. He seems to get lost in the steps and then when he loses track, he goes off task and becomes distractible. Teachers have said he has ADD, but we don't believe that this is a syndrome based thing. Do you think that getting lost in the steps means ADD or can it be something else? RP.

Hi RP,

I think your culprit is a processing speed problem and not a disorder. I say that because I have seen so many kids who have trouble with things like Math and other multi-step school work. If processing speed is not as fast as it could be, kids do get lost while going through all the steps, don't remember where they have been and like any human being would, when they feel that kind of stress, they self distract and go off task. Fix the processing speed by making the kid faster and those symptoms go away.

Making kids faster can make ADD symptoms go away

I believe that kids have RAM or Random Access Memory just like a computer does and it can be upgraded just like a computer. Of course, we would not be opening up the child's head and adding to the motherboard, but in the same way, making the child faster goes a long way toward getting rid of those off-task behaviors. Making a child faster isn't hard. It just takes practice.

Unfortunately, many people confuse intelligence level with processing. I have seen many kids with IQ's that were off the charts like 130, who also had one or two processing areas that needed lifting. I say unfortunately, because some of those kids struggle mightily to get as many successes as they get and it could be easier and less stressful if those couple areas were just practiced. Those kids have huge strengths and some small weaknesses. They lean on their strengths all their lives and are very hard workers so they do very well. Sometimes, though if there are some weaknesses there too, the stress level they deal with to get the work done might be more than it needs to be and/or the amount of time it takes them to get work done might be longer than it needs to be.

I don't mean to oversimplify here. Processing speed is the first thing that jumps out at me when I hear your question, but it

doesn't mean there aren't other parts to this. For example, there can be behavioral habits that operate as defense mechanisms. These can hold the child back from success just as much as processing speed problems. If those exist together, it is even harder on the child.

The grand outcome to all of this is to try and make the child's life work as best as it can with the greatest possible outcome. Calling something ADD and then going down that road does nothing to build any skills or make anything work better for the child. Even if the off-task behavior 'goes away' the underlying inability to take on work that needs speed to hold onto all the steps will not get better with ADD treatment until the child is actually trained to be faster.

Dr. Sherri Singer is a Licensed Clinical Psychologist and Childhood Behavior Specialist. She regularly works in person with many readers of this column, helping them to significantly improve their kid's attention, behavior, processing skills and self-esteem. Dr. Singer's Total Success Program has promoted unbelievably fast behavior and attention change both at home and school. To learn how to change your child's life for the better, permanently, please call (847) 231-5644 or (708) 962-2549.

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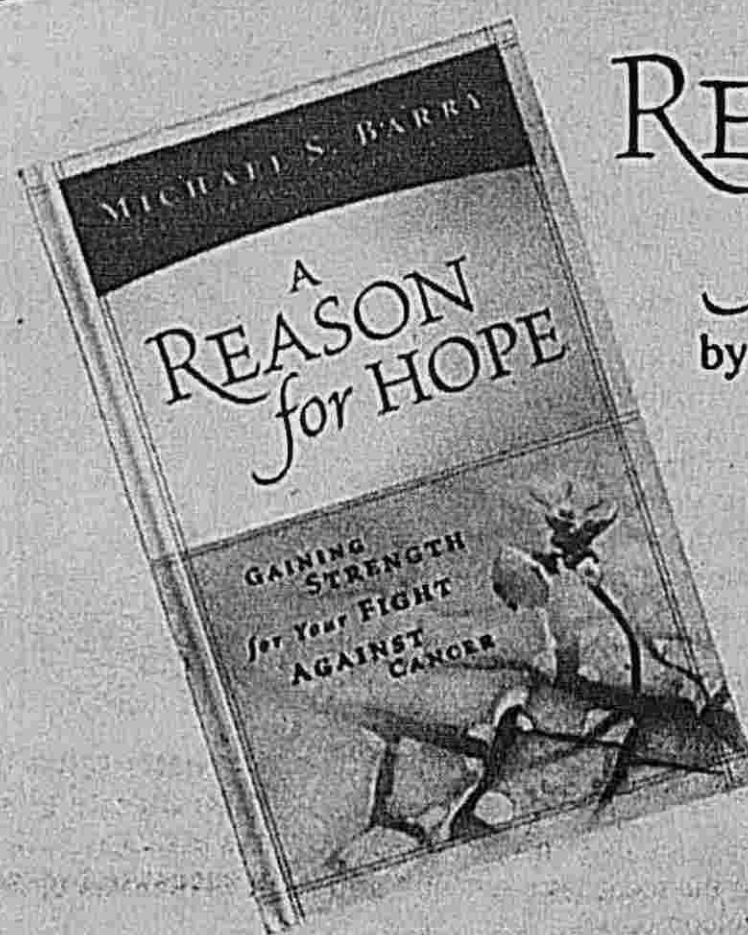
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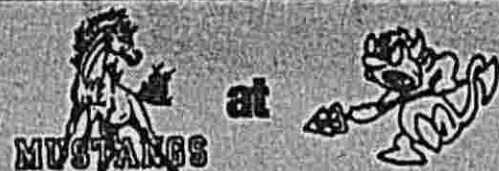
The University of Nebraska bound point guard garnered a team-high 14 points to lead Warren to a 58-41 victory over Buffalo Grove in the Bison Classic title game. LaFleur was named to the All-Tournament team as the Devils went 4-0.



RYNE
GAVIGAN
LIBERTYVILLE

In the Wildcats Class 7A state championship win, senior defensive end Ryne Gavigan blocked a punt that resulted in a touchdown and had two huge sacks at the end of the game to seal the deal.

GAME OF THE WEEK



BOYS' BASKETBALL

In the North Suburban Conference opener, Warren, fresh off a title in the Waukegan Tourney, will take on a hungry Mundelein team, led by senior Jake Gaebler. More importantly, the Devils will pay tribute to the late George Ron Krapf in a ceremony prior to the home opener on Friday.

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Lakeland Newspapers Sports Editor Rob Backus's rankings of area high school teams

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BOYS

Raising the bar

Area gymnastics teams poised for big seasons

By Rob Backus and
Matt Pera

Sports Reporters

At the end of last season's state gymnastics tournament at Palatine High School, Stevenson's Lindsay Borkan walked off the floor a state All-Around champion and the leader of four straight state title teams, ending an unbeaten career.

But now she's in University Park, competing for Penn State. While the Pats still return junior Elizabeth White and senior Margot Cornell, Lake County is wide open and several area teams are looking to emerge.

At the forefront is Carmel, fresh off the school's first state final appearance in 10 years. The Corsairs finished 7th last season, but did not graduate a single gymnast, which has certainly raised expectations for another outstanding season.

But Carmel coach Sarah Holcomb isn't too worried about the increased expectations, or the added pressure that comes with them.

"I think it's a good kind of pressure after 10 years of being off the radar (as a school)," said Holcomb, who was a part of back-to-back Carmel state titles in 1992-93. "As a gymnast I loved pressure, but as a coach it's different because I don't know how they'll respond. But the girls are excited and pushing to go to the next level."

Back to lead the Corsairs are two state qualifiers, junior Laura Valkman (All-Around) and senior Danni Doll (uneven bars). "They're both consistent, solid performers that have proven themselves time and time again," Holcomb said.

Also back are juniors Caylee McGrath, Amanda Andreasik and Jenny Plescia and sophomore Ashley Whitley. "They've all improved over last year," Holcomb said.

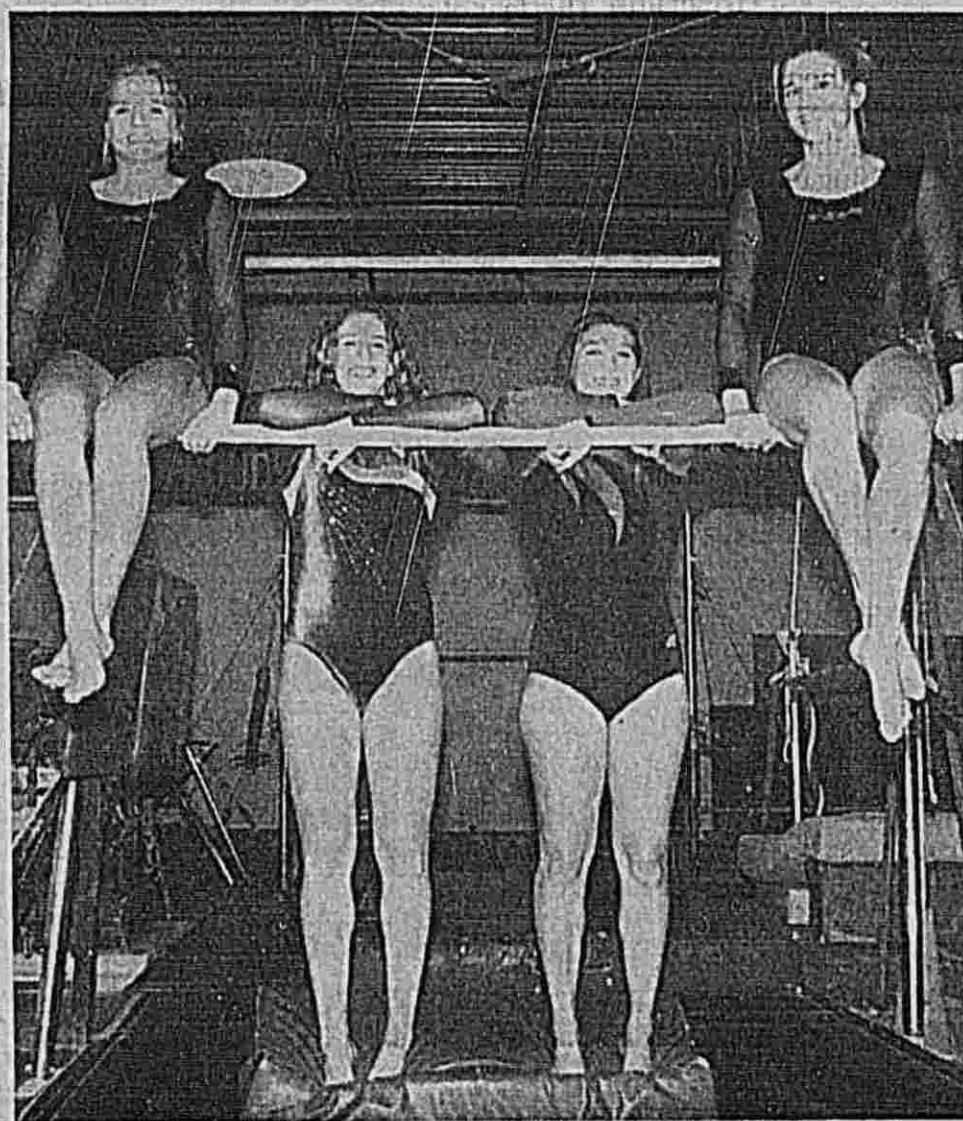


Photo by Sandy Bressner

Gymnasts Laura Valkman of Carmel, Maureen Moss of Warren, Jenn Wallace of Mundelein and Danni Doll of Carmel are four of the area's top returning gymnasts looking to lead their teams to a successful season.

The team also adds a trio of solid gymnasts in sophomore Sam Sokup and freshmen MaryAnn Oehlerking and Lindsay Falk.

"Sam is a blessing to have on the team. She's poised and confident; a great addition," Holcomb said. "And MaryAnn is a bundle of energy, with some very difficult routines. Lindsay has taken a few years off from gymnastics but her bar routine is so strong, I may have to use her by regionals."

All of those factors leave Holcomb very confident in her team's chances this season.

"We've added a lot of difficulty to our routines,"

Holcomb said. "The girls all worked on improving their skill level and endurance. I have such a great group of girls dedicated to making it back to state and moving up in the ranks."

Another local team fresh off a pair of firsts is looking for more big things this season. Mundelein won its first regional in school history and senior Jenn Wallace was the school's first state qualifier in a decade, making it in the All-Around competition.

ON THE SIDELINES



Rob Backus • Sports Editor

IHSA names new sectional site

What was once considered unthinkable has now become a reality.

In a decision handed down last week by the Illinois High School Association, Lake Zurich has been awarded this season's boys basketball sectional tournament.

So for the first time since the 1992-93 season, when the tournament was held at Stevenson, Waukegan's venerable East Gym, affectionately known as the Dog Pound, will not play host to the sectional tournament.

I know some of you are thinking that this is a travesty. And I would tend to agree, although not as vehemently. Others, which includes fans of Warren, Lake Forest and Lake Zurich, are probably relieved to not have to play the Bulldogs on their floor, feeling they had an unfair advantage.

Warren coach Chuck Ramsey can see both sides of the argument.

"We've become used to it (Waukegan) because of the tradition and most people will tell you it's the best gym in the area," Ramsey said. "It's just a tremendous atmosphere; a wonderful play to play. But there is a home-court advantage and it should be shared."

That, and no other reason, including the sanctions handed down last week to Waukegan coach Brian Colbert for illegal preseason practices, was behind the IHSA's decision, according to IHSA assistant executive director Kurt Gibson.

"Lake Zurich was selected as the site at the beginning of October," Gibson said. "Almost every other sectional is done on a rotating basis, and Lake Zurich put in for it. We think they'll run a quality event."

The decision certainly had nothing to do with money as both gyms have a nearly equal capacity (Waukegan gym holds 3,124 people, while Lake Zurich's new facility will seat just over 3,000).

Lake Zurich athletic director Gene Curran is already looking forward to March.

"We're excited to host it. We think we'll do a good job," Curran said. "We're pleased to

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"Now that Jenn has been there before, she's pretty determined to make it back and make the finals downstate," Mundelein coach Nancy Toland said. "She's a great leader for the team."

The Mustangs were poised for an even better season this time around with Wallace, junior Nikki Spillone and sophomores Courtney Wilhelm and Caitlin Brehm back. Unfortunately, Wilhelm is out for the season following shoulder surgery in November and Spillone is giving her ravaged ankles a rest after finishing 5th in the state in diving in the fall.

But Toland is determined not to let the injuries affect the team too much, pointing out that the team still has Wallace and Brehm, along with new additions in freshmen Kelly McFall and Michelle Heslin and junior Betsy Ranck.

"We still want to reclaim our regional title," Toland said. "We had a lot of support from the community and the school last year and we want to keep it going. The biggest thing for us is to remain injury free."

Warren is certainly not new to success, with three top-3 state finishes in the last four years, but graduation has been a bit tough on the Devils with two state champions, Ashley Alden and Danyelle Aber, graduating the last two seasons.

But a solid trio of gymnasts is back to lead Warren, including state qualifiers Maureen Moss (All-Around), Morgan Kuhn (beam, floor) and Lindsey Jindra (vault, floor).

"We're not as talented as we were last year—yet," Warren coach JR Halek said. "But we're getting close. Lindsey, Maureen and (freshman) Kacie (Halup) are throwing some outstanding tricks out there. The potential is definitely there to make it downstate again."

The Vernon Hills gymnastics team has a solid foundation to build on this season, returning two state qualifiers in junior Brittany Laskowski and senior Beth Kliver.

Both gymnasts' strongest suits are the floor and vault routines, while head coach Denise Houda said Kliver is also developing a solid routine on the balance beam.

The Cougars are 1-1 thus far in the young season with a loss to Highland Park and a win over North Suburban Conference foe Libertyville.

"With the beginning of the season things are kind of shaky and there will be room for improvement," Houda said. "But by the end of the season all kinks should be worked out and we'll be good to go."

Sophomore newcomer Amy Principe has also fared well thus far in her first varsity season.

Houda, who was a Div. 1 gymnast at Illinois State, said most of the team is still young and inexperienced and will develop more as the season progresses.

"A lot of girls are still learning new skills," she said.

The Libertyville girls gymnastics team should combine veteran experience with young talent this season.

The Wildcats will be led by senior Becky Garrison, whose All-Around routine will be big for the team this year, head coach Curt Austin said.

Austin added that freshman Sumon Manna, who recently sprained her ankle in practice, has a chance to be one of the strongest gymnasts on the team this season.

"On paper she's probably the strongest gymnast but she hasn't been able to prove that yet," he said. "Hopefully she'll get the opportunity because we could sure use talent."



Photo by Sandy Bress

Carmel High School gymnasts Laura Valkman and Danni Doll are back to lead the Mundelein school's team, which finished seventh in the state last year.

Libertyville also returns a good deal of talented juniors, including Casey Herman, Lyla Browning and Stephanie Wojteschowski.

"I think we'll be a team to reckon with but right now we're definitely just getting started," Austin said. "I think we look at it as we'll be a slow starter but will have a big finish. We're going to be surprising everyone come January."

Another team looking to surprise some people is Antioch, which has a trio of veterans in seniors Angel Simonini and Lindsey

Andersen and junior Leslee Bailey, to go along with freshmen Cody Ksioszk and Nicki Medel.

"We're definitely hoping for some higher scores this year," Antioch coach Debbie Bessette said. "And with the girls we have, it's possible. They're much more confident. We're already a month ahead of where we were last year."

So while Conant, Palatine and Fremd may compete this February for the state title, several area teams will do battle as well, for Lake County bragging rights.

SIDELINES

be given the opportunity and we hope to live up to the expectations of the IHSA."

And for those worried about the change of atmosphere, as Waukegan's gym is the only one in Lake County with bleachers behind the baskets, Curran has come up with a solution.

"We're going to bring in bleachers behind

the baskets and on the ends, which will allow us to seat an extra 500 people," Curran said.

Waukegan athletic director Rolly Vazquez was initially taken aback by the decision.

"We're obviously going to miss it," Vazquez said. "There's just so much tradition. Even little kids dream of playing here. I guess I'm not pleased with the decision, but I understand it."

Everyone is quick to point out that Lake Zurich will not become a permanent host, either.

"Waukegan does a great job and we have no problems with them hosting it again," Gibson said.

In fact, Vazquez plans to put his school up for consideration next year.

"The IHSA explained to us that they want a

rotating basis," Vazquez said. "So we're going to put in for it again. We're definitely looking forward to it."

So don't fret all you die hard hoops fans. The tradition started over a quarter-century ago by then athletic director and current Waukegan Mayor Richard Hyde will have a chance to live on. Indeed, the Dog Pound will bark again.

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Tom Duffy
Antioch boys' hoops coach

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Sequoits need someone to step up

By Rob Backus

Sports Editor

Heading into the season, Antioch girls basketball coach Don Zeman tried to forget about the loss of senior Kate Hofeldt, who decided to take the season off to concentrate on club volleyball.

But after his team went through the Dundee-Crown Tournament with an 0-4 record, it was hard not to notice her absence.

"No one wanted to admit how much we would miss her," Zeman said. "But during the tournament it came through loud and clear. Hopefully some players can make up for it."

The Sequoits will hopefully get a shot in the arm in a week to 10 days with the return of post player Jessica McWilliams, who was injured in a car accident last month.

"We just don't have a lot of height right now and we're having trouble scoring," Zeman said.

Antioch scored just 30 points in a 58-30 loss to host Dundee-Crown, with Angie Axton leading the team in scoring with 8 points.

"We're finding out very quickly that we're going to be smaller than just about every team we play," Zeman said. "But Dundee-Crown is a real solid team, we knew they'd be difficult."

The Sequoits then dropped a game to McHenry 58-45 despite double-digit scoring efforts from Holly Roberts (15 points) and Gina Florian (12 points). The team was down just 37-33 after three quarters, but a 10-0 Warriors' run to start the fourth put the game out of reach.

"We played well through three quarters," Zeman said. "We ran our offense well, but in that fourth quarter we had trouble shooting and committed several turnovers and that was the difference."

Loren Scarbrough led the team with just 6 points in Antioch's next game, a 61-24 loss to Palatine.

"Their full-court press took us out of the game early," said Zeman, whose team committed 33 turnovers in the contest.

And against Lake Zurich to close out the tournament, Roberts led the team with 11 points as they fell to the Bears 43-27.

A 10-of-44 shooting performance, several turnovers and a 21-8 second-quarter run from Lake Zurich proved too much for the team to overcome.

"Every girl played in the tournament, so it was almost like an extended tryout," Zeman said. "We knew going in that we had a lot of work to do."

Fortunately, Antioch was able to pick up its first win of the season with a 63-21 shellacking of Wauconda on Tuesday. Roberts (12 points), Megan McCarthy (11 points) and Florian (10 points) led the Sequoits, who connected on 7 three-pointers in the contest.

BOYS BASKETBALL

Antioch High boys' basketball coach Tom Duffy liked what he saw from the finish of the Lake-Cook tournament.

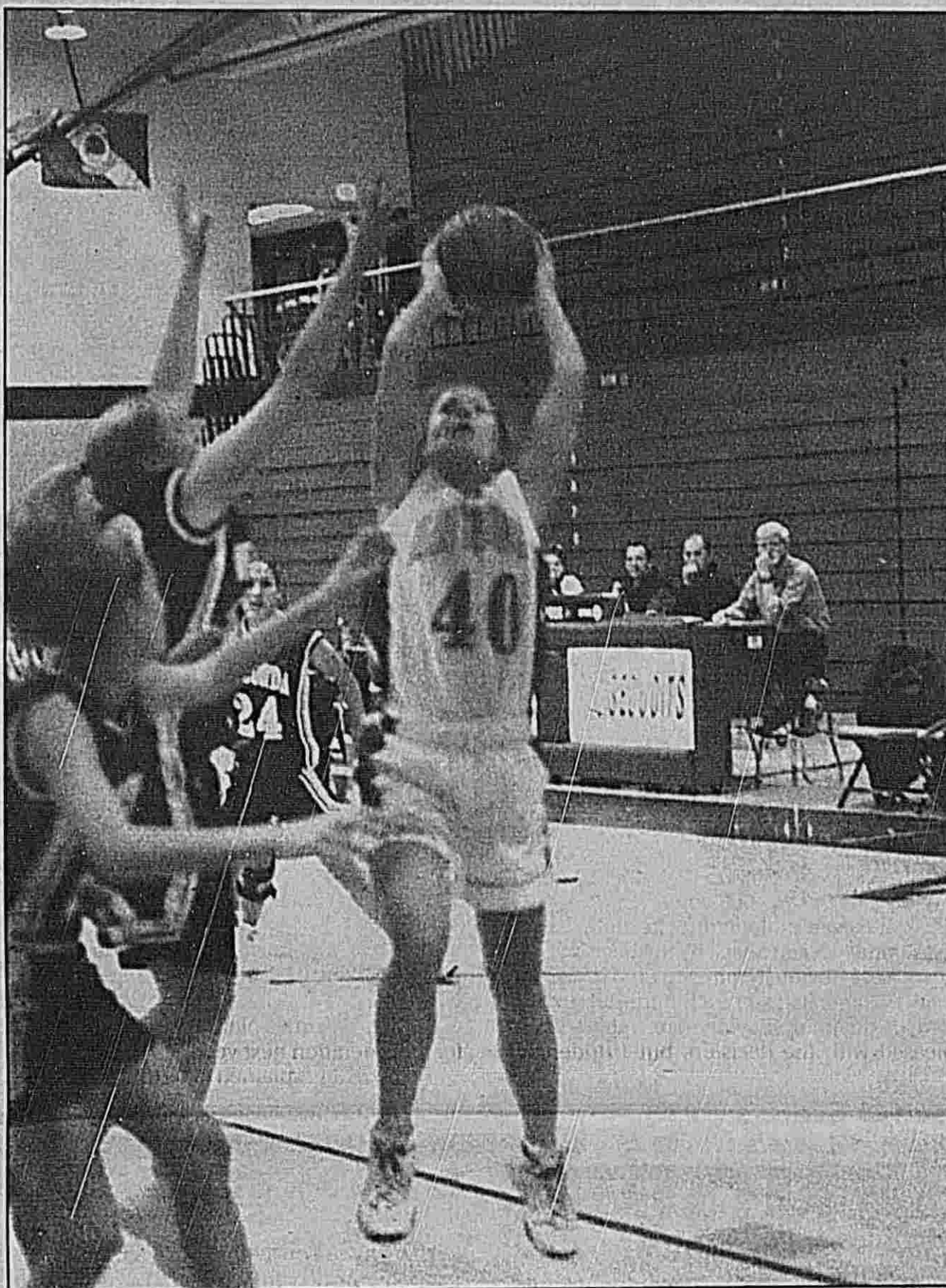


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Antioch Community High School's Lindsay Thurtwell goes up for a shot in a 61-21 win over Wauconda on Tuesday.

The Sequoits played Wheeling tough for four quarters before falling 58-54. Sophomore Chuck Kempf and junior Chandler Kent led the way with 13 and 10 points, respectively.

Antioch hosts Lake Forest to begin NSC play Dec. 3. Antioch is at winless Carmel Dec. 4 in non-conference play.

Coach Duffy summed up the 0-4 start.

"We played pretty good in three of the four games, with the exception of Lake Zurich. Against Wheeling we executed our offense the way it was supposed to be run," Duffy said.

Kent, a junior, has emerged as one of the scoring threats this year for ACHS. He had a 22-point game in a loss to Highland Park. "He

is the type of player who will do anything that you ask. If you ask him to take four charges, he will do that," Duffy said.

Kempf is fitting in well as a sophomore on the varsity, Duffy said.

Against Wheeling, the Sequoits trailed by five points at halftime, but were able to stay with the Wildcats in the second half. Wheeling held on in the final minutes.

Lake Zurich handled Antioch 72-49 in the previous game.

"We played better defense against Wheeling. We had given up more than 70 points each game. We're just looking to improve and play four quarters," Duffy said.

PREPROFILES



Chandler Kent

During a game last week against Highland Park, Antioch coach Tom Duffy knew his team needed some extra scoring, so he issued a challenge to junior point guard Chandler Kent.

"I asked him if he could go out there and score 20 points," Duffy said.

So did he? Actually no. Instead, he scored a career-high 22 points, although Antioch did end up falling to the Giants in the second game of the Malne East Tournament.

"Usually he's so worried about everyone else, he doesn't look to score," Duffy said. "He's a really good passer. He puts the ball right on the money. But I asked him to score and he did."

But according to Kent, it wasn't a big deal.

"I didn't really learn how to distribute until last year, I was always more of a scorer," said Kent, who averaged just over 7 points per game as a sophomore. "But now I guess I have to get back to being more of a scorer, but once I get back into it, it will be a lot easier."

But this season, Kent will be asked to provide a lot more than scoring. He'll have to play some defense, as well.

"He's our leader on defense, too," Duffy said. "We usually don't put him on the opposition's best player, but he can guard if he has to. He's a good off-the-ball defender."

The fact that he's the leader for the Sequoits on both ends of the floor makes Kent a floor general in every sense, according to Duffy.

"He is the leader of this team," Duffy said. "He's the only starter back, so we're counting on him extra hard."

So does Kent feel any extra pressure this season?

"Not really," Kent said. "It's just the normal pressure associated with being a point guard. But I like leading. It's a challenge, but it's also a lot of fun. There's a lot of rewards to it."—By Rob Backus

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"We are just learning to play the game of basketball correctly. We don't have guys with a lot of experience, so we will have to get that during games."

Jon Baffico

Carmel boys' basketball coach

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Corsairs finish 2nd in New Trier tourney

By Rob Backus

Sports Editor

Carmel's girls' hoops team had been on such a high after wins over state powers New Trier and Marshall, it was only a matter of time before the team crashed, and that's exactly what happened with a loss to Libertyville last week.

But at least the team was able to take something positive away from the loss, according to head coach John Ryan.

"We learned from that game that you can't take anyone for granted," Ryan said. "We have to be ready to play every game. We also learned that we're a good team, but not overpowering, so we have to come to play every night."

The Corsairs did indeed come to play in their next game, a 40-31 win over Von Steuben. The team held the lead the entire game, building it up to 18 at one point.

"It was a nice win," Ryan said. "Von Steuben is an up-and-coming public league team. We played well, defended well and handled their quickness."

Jenny Eckhart led the Corsairs with 21 points while Jill Scudder poured in a double-double with 12 points and 11 rebounds.

The win gave Carmel a spot in the title game of the New Trier Tournament against Loyola. Unfortunately, the Corsairs never led, falling to Loyola 35-34.

The team was down 35-28 after three quarters, but held the Ramblers scoreless in the entire fourth quarter and had a chance to win, down 35-34 with time winding down. However, Carmel could not get a shot off before the buzzer sounded.

"It was a real struggle," Ryan said. "But the kids played tremendous defense. We held them scoreless over the final 11 minutes of the game. You can still come away feeling good about a loss. We played hard and we never quit."

Scudder led Carmel (3-2) with 12 points and 9 boards, while Eckhart chipped in with 10 points.

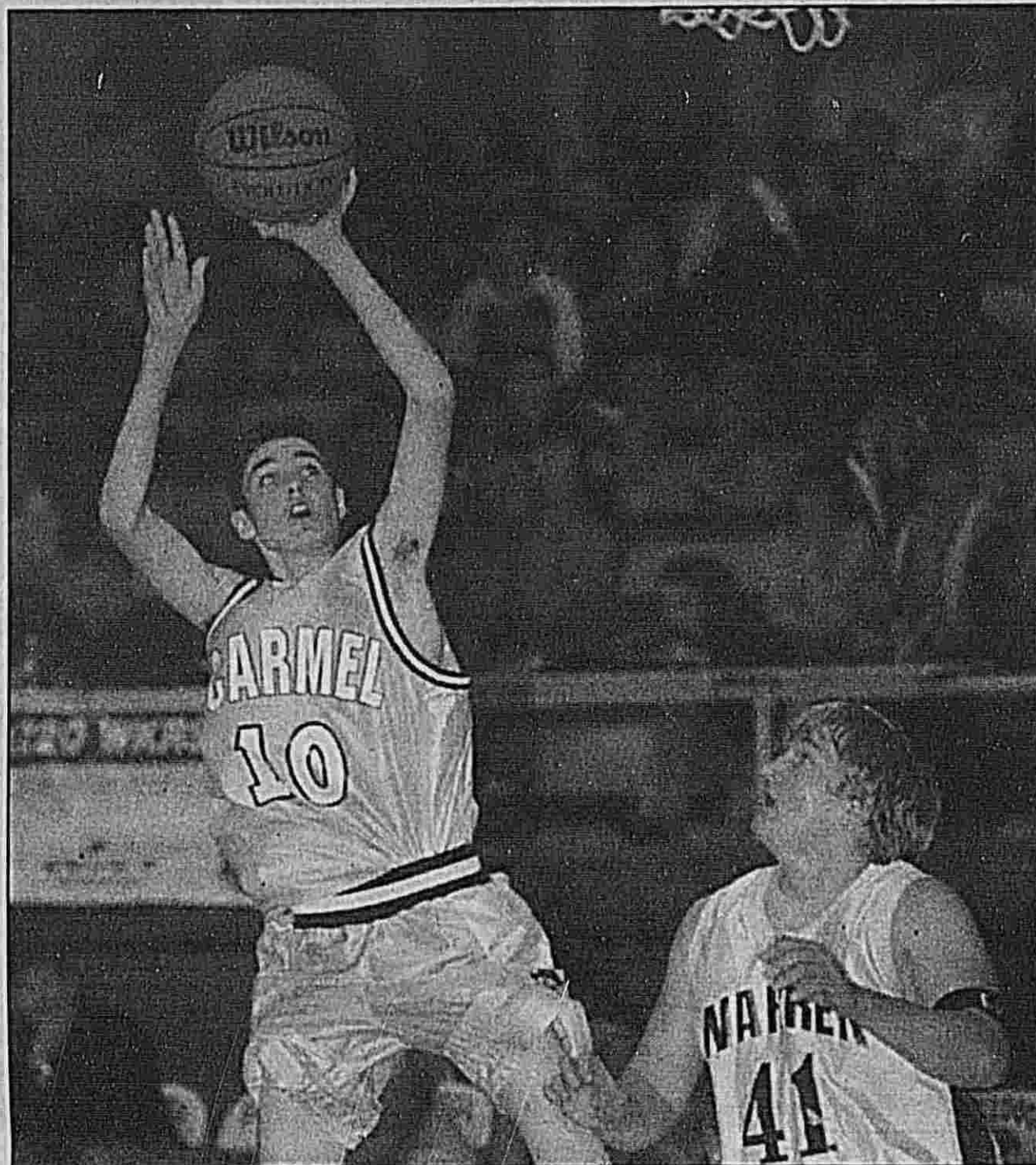
"It's been very gratifying to see Jill step up," Ryan said. "This is the best I've ever seen her play; she's really coming into her own. She's doing what I always felt she was capable of."

Although the team failed to come away with the tournament title, Ryan was still pleased with the way Carmel played.

"I told the girls I would be pleased if we went 2-3 in the tournament because the competition was so tough," Ryan said. "We have to know what it's like to face that level of competition and now the girls know they can play at that level."

That's important as the Corsairs head into ESCC play against the likes of Fenwick, Marist, Marian Catholic, Benet and Bishop McNamara.

"That a murderer's row," Ryan said of his conference opponents. "But the girls are playing with a lot more confidence, so we'll fit into that mix somewhere."



Carmel's Pat Rogers goes up for a shot over Warren's Mike Slack during the Waukegan High School Thanksgiving Tournament.

BOYS BASKETBALL

Although the scores were lopsided, new Carmel boys' basketball coach Jon Baffico liked some aspects of the Corsairs' efforts in an 0-3 start at the Waukegan tournament.

"It was pretty much what I expected. We had three games against some very good teams. We are just learning to play the game of basketball correctly. We don't have guys with a lot of experience, so we will have to get that during games," Baffico said. "But we finished the tournament better than we started it. Individually we had some nice efforts."

Carmel, 0-3, begins ESCC play when it hosts Notre Dame Dec. 3. Antioch visits on Dec. 4.

Sophomore Sean Kane proved he is a player to watch. He hit the first two shots in the final tournament game as he scored 16 points and had two rebounds in a 65-26 loss to Palatine Fremd. He hit two more jumpers to start the third quarter scoring, but Fremd (1-2)

had already run away with the lead.

"His outside shot is one of our strengths when he is in a rhythm. We need him to be a consistent scorer and work on his mid-range game," Baffico said.

Senior Scott Passolt scored 15 points and had two rebounds in the 72-27 loss to Waukegan.

Junior guard Pat Rodgers scored more than half of his team's points, eight, in an 84-15 opening game loss to Warren.

The Corsairs may have junior guard Curtis Robinson back this week in practice after he had treatment for a knee injury.

Baffico gave an assessment of the next weekend's foes.

"Notre Dame saw us play in the tournament, so they will be putting pressure on our guards. They like to switch their defenses around. We saw Antioch play and they seem to have a lot of interchangeable parts," Baffico said.

PREP PROFILES



Scott Passolt

The old saying goes that effort is the key to success. And according to Carmel coach Jon Baffico, senior Scott Passolt is proof positive of that.

"He's an entirely self-made player," Baffico said. "If you had to project him as a player freshman year, it would be hard to say he would even be a varsity player."

Instead, Passolt has become the leading scorer and a co-captain for the Corsairs. So how much work has he put in over the last three years?

"A lot," Passolt said. "I played tons of games over the summer. I came in for early mornings in the spring and fall to lift, plus we had spring leagues and summer leagues."

All of those hours of work have made him a complete player, according to Baffico.

"He's a perimeter shooter who's deceptively quick," Baffico said. "He has the ability to put the ball on the floor and create his own shot."

And while he will be counted on to provide a heavy scoring punch for the offensively challenged Corsairs, it's his defense that's even more important to the cause.

"He's going to have to guard good players every night," Baffico said. "But he's in good shape; he should be able to handle it."

Not only does Passolt feel he can handle it, he's actually looking forward to the challenge.

"I like playing defense because it's more competitive," Passolt said. "It's all heart trying to stop someone when they're trying to get past you."

Passolt will need to stay pumped up throughout the season, as Baffico is looking to him to lead the team on and off the court.

"We don't have a lot of varsity experience so it's really important that he step up and become a good leader," Baffico said. —By Rob Backus

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GRANT

"We hustled in the fourth quarter, but it was too late."

Tom Oeffling
Grant girls' basketball coach



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Free-throw woes cost Bulldogs

By Steve Peterson

Sports Reporter

Another tough day at the free-throw line coupled with some good enough play by Lacey Sinipson and Co. allowed Zion-Benton's squad to move into the title game at the Deerfield Holiday tournament with a 53-45 win.

Grant managed only 5 of 14 from the so-called charity stripe. "That, plus, we gave up 31 turnovers. That is 93 chances for the other team to score, and that is too many. We came out with no intensity in the third quarter," said Grant coach Tom Oeffling.

Grant hosts division rival Vernon Hills at 2:30 p.m. Dec. 4.

Grant did have a one-two punch of Ashley Arff's 15 points, which went nicely with 18 from Becka Gonyo. Grant managed to trim a 14-point deficit to five in the waning moments, but Zion held back the furious charge.

"We hustled in the fourth quarter, but it was too late. The Zion team has good complimentary players to Simpson," Oeffling said.

Grant did have the all-out effort of Gonyo on its side.

"Becka got up and down the court," Oeffling said.

Grant started out well, up 9-2 early on a lay-up by Gonyo, a 6-2 sophomore center, who is coming off fine volleyball season. Grant still led 12-11 after one. A 10-4 Zion run turned the tide in the second quarter and that carried things over to the third. Zion led 41-27 after three, extending it to 16 in the fourth quarter before Grant put on a flurry of baskets. A hoop by Gonyo cut the lead to 50-45, after an Arff hoop had cut the lead to five earlier, but Grant could get no closer.

Grant (3-2) had won its pool play with a 43-39 win over Highland Park. Danielle Eller led the Bulldogs with 19 points and Arff had 14.

Grant dropped to .500 on the young season with a heart-breaking 54-53 loss to Deerfield. The contest gave Deerfield the third-place title.

Arff and Eller had 20 points each and Gonyo had 7 and Cassie Newton 6.

Grant led 23-15 in the second quarter, but Deerfield led 37-28 midway through the third.

Grant, like the Zion game, tried a furious comeback. Two Arff free throws cut the lead to 45-41 with 4:26 left. Eller's tip-in with 2:12 left cut the lead to three, and Gonyo gave the Bulldogs another three-point deficit. But Deerfield's 11-16 free-throw shooting in the final quarter was enough to keep Grant at bay.

BOYS BASKETBALL

Eric Lostroschio led Grant with 17 points in a 48-47 loss to Wauconda as part of the Johnsonburg Thanksgiving Tournament.

Wauconda had an 18-14 run to close the game, but was helped by five Grant missed free throws and a technical foul.

"The players talked about coming out

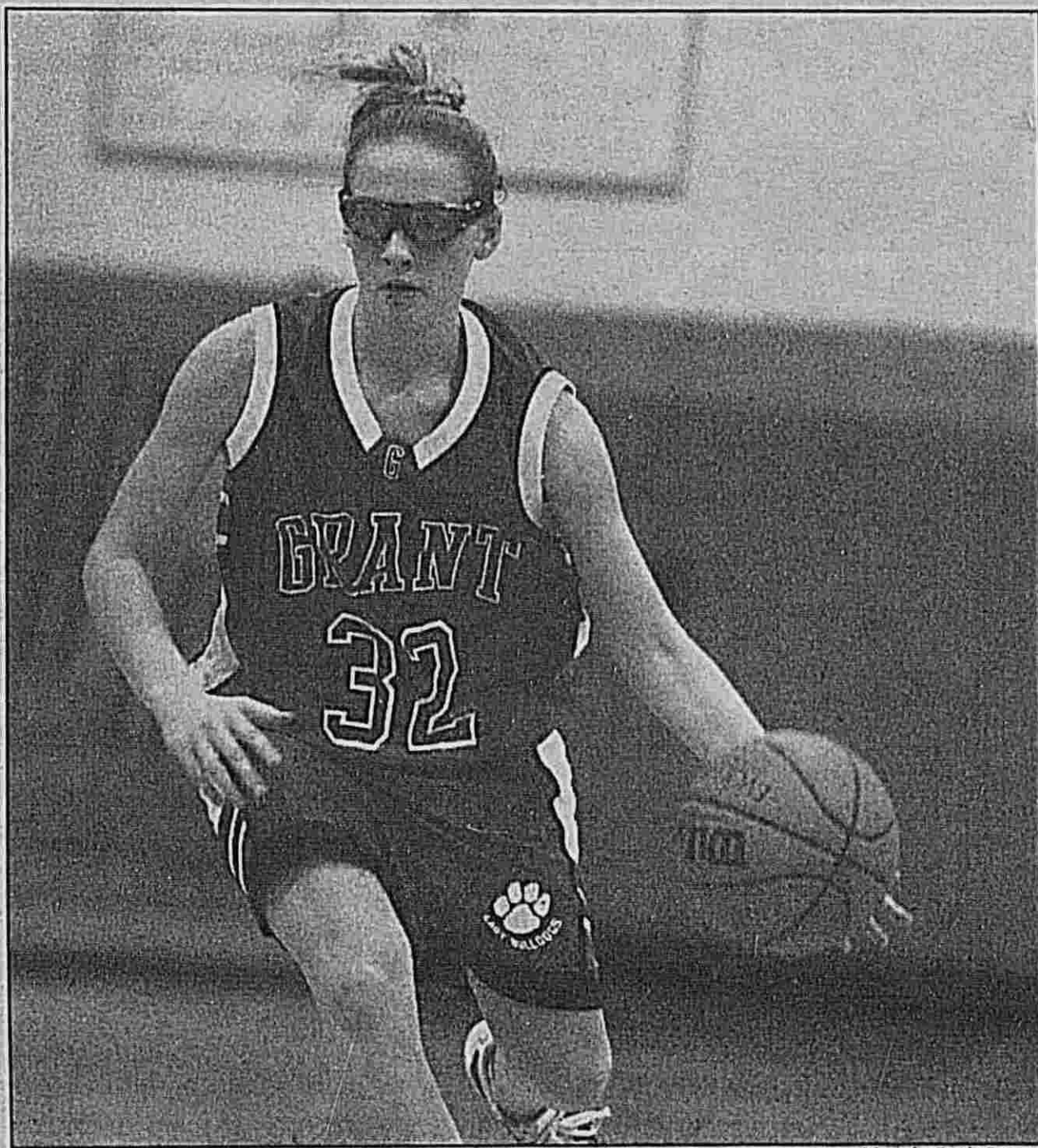


Photo by Sandy Bressner

Grant Community High School's Cassie Newton drives toward the basket in a 68-36 loss at Mundelein High School.

strong after the Johnsonburg game. After the first two or three possessions (Grant led 12-2 after one) it looked like, here we go again, but we regrouped. We played with intensity for three and one-half quarters," Wauconda coach Rich Wolf said.

Changing to a man-to-man defense sparked WHS, which still trailed 19-16 at half-time and by three entering the fourth quarter.

Senior forward Jay Grooms was the WHS enforcer, altering many shots and leading in rebounds. He finished with six points.

"We just missed our opportunities. Give Wauconda all the credit. But we did not keep our emotions in check or play like we could to win," said Grant coach Phil Ralston. "We're not playing as a team right now, and that is uncharacteristic of Grant basketball."

Point guard Mike Mauch had 14 for Grant and junior Matt Behm added seven.

Grant shot only 8-22 from the free-throw line, while WHS was 3-8. Despite all of that, Grant held a 39-36 lead on a Mauch lay-up with six minutes left. Another Mauch drive to the basket gave Grant another three-point

lead. Grant's last lead came at 47-46 when junior Rick Gaylor scored with 1:05 left.

NSC ALL-ACADEMIC ATHLETES

Football: Henry Joern, Kyle Kapusta, Chris Rosado, Pam Staton, Joe Barczak, Chris Robinson, Kraig Wicinski

Girls Cross Country: Kelly Koske, Pam Staton, Trista Munster

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PREPFILES



Jim Kennedy

Jim Kennedy is up two weight classes and has the same intensity that has carried him to more than 90 career wrestling wins.

He has started out the year with a championship at 119 pounds at the Barrington meet and beat Libertyville in his new weight class. Kennedy won the state title with an unbeaten record at 103 pounds as a sophomore last year.

"The Barrington tournament is a big one for us, because aside from the state tournament, it is the biggest tournament of the year," Kennedy said.

"He's going to do well again this year. He placed first in the Nationals this summer against some good competition," Grant coach Ryan Geist said of Kennedy.

"Jim has more confidence than he did his freshman year. He was a little overwhelmed. He has always had a great work ethic," Geist said.

Kennedy said as he jumped in weight classes, so do some others he wrestled against since freshman year. He ended runner-up in the state that year. His 91-2 record overall includes two-time NSC champion, two-time regional and sectional champion and he was an all-American in freestyle in 2003. He won the sectional title in a fall in less than a minute.

Last year was Kennedy's moment to shine. After a 7-2 win over Brian Spangler of Neuqua Valley in the semis, he faced Marcus Carpenter of Danville in the first match after the Grand March at the University of Illinois. Kennedy outlasted Carpenter 2-1 to claim Grant's first state individual wrestling title in 40 years. Kennedy was a perfect 42-0.

He is not about to let his past success alter his intensity.

"I wrestle a lot in summer wrestling to get me ready for the year. I know guys will be gunning for me," Kennedy said. —By Steve Peterson

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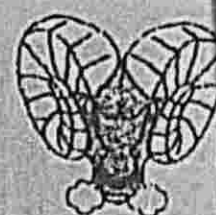
GRAYSLAKE

"This team is able to do the little things.
They just aren't doing them all the time."

Tim Bowen
Grayslake boys' hoops coach



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Rams come up short in shootout

By Rob Backus

Sports Editor

Given that Grayslake coach Tim Bowen originally came from a Warren program where defense was the name of the game, he can't help but feel a little frustrated with his team's start to the season.

"We just have to play better defense than we're playing right now," Bowen said. "We don't have the firepower to keep trading baskets like we've been doing."

Bowen can point to Tuesday night's match-up against Lake Zurich as an example. The Rams gave up 37 points to senior Mike Kolze as Grayslake went on to lose to the Bears 69-59.

Sure, Kolze is arguably one of the area's best players, but Bowen said: "I don't care who it is. We can't give up that many points to anyone."

The Rams got off to a good start Tuesday night as senior Brian Centella poured in seven of his team's first nine points and Grayslake held an early 9-8 lead.

However, the Bears stormed right back with a 7-0 run to take a 16-9 lead at the start of the second quarter. But that's when Grayslake junior Elias Washington, who finished with a team-high 16 points, decided to make his presence felt.

First he threw down a dunk to cut the lead to 16-11. Then he dished off a pretty assist to Travis Guy (12 points) for an easy layup. He then stole the ball, raced down the floor and connected on a fall-away layup and the subsequent free throw for the three-point play to tie the game at 18-18 with 5:04 left in the first half.

The rest of the opening half went back and forth, with junior Jesse Stabile connecting on a rebound and put back with 16.1 seconds left in the second quarter to tie the game at 30-30.

The beginning of the third quarter saw much of the same, with each team trading baskets. That's when Kolze began taking over, scoring 15 points, including three treys, to help spur a 17-8 Lake Zurich run.

"He (Kolze) was definitely on tonight," said Centella, who had 15 points and 7 rebounds in the loss. "But we still could have done a better job on him."

Still, with Grayslake down 51-42 after three quarters, the Rams refused to give up. The team was able to cut the lead to 51-47 with 4:54 left, but several costly turnovers and Kolze's ability to hit free throws down the stretch proved too much for the Rams.

"We definitely didn't give up, but we need to start learning to play the whole game," Centella said.

The loss dropped Grayslake's record to 1-4 overall.

Although Grayslake also gave up 39 points to Glenbrook North star Jon Scheyer, Bowen was much more pleased with his team's effort in that 69-65 loss.

"We played with great intensity and poise," Bowen said. "And we were putting a lot of pressure on the ball defensively."

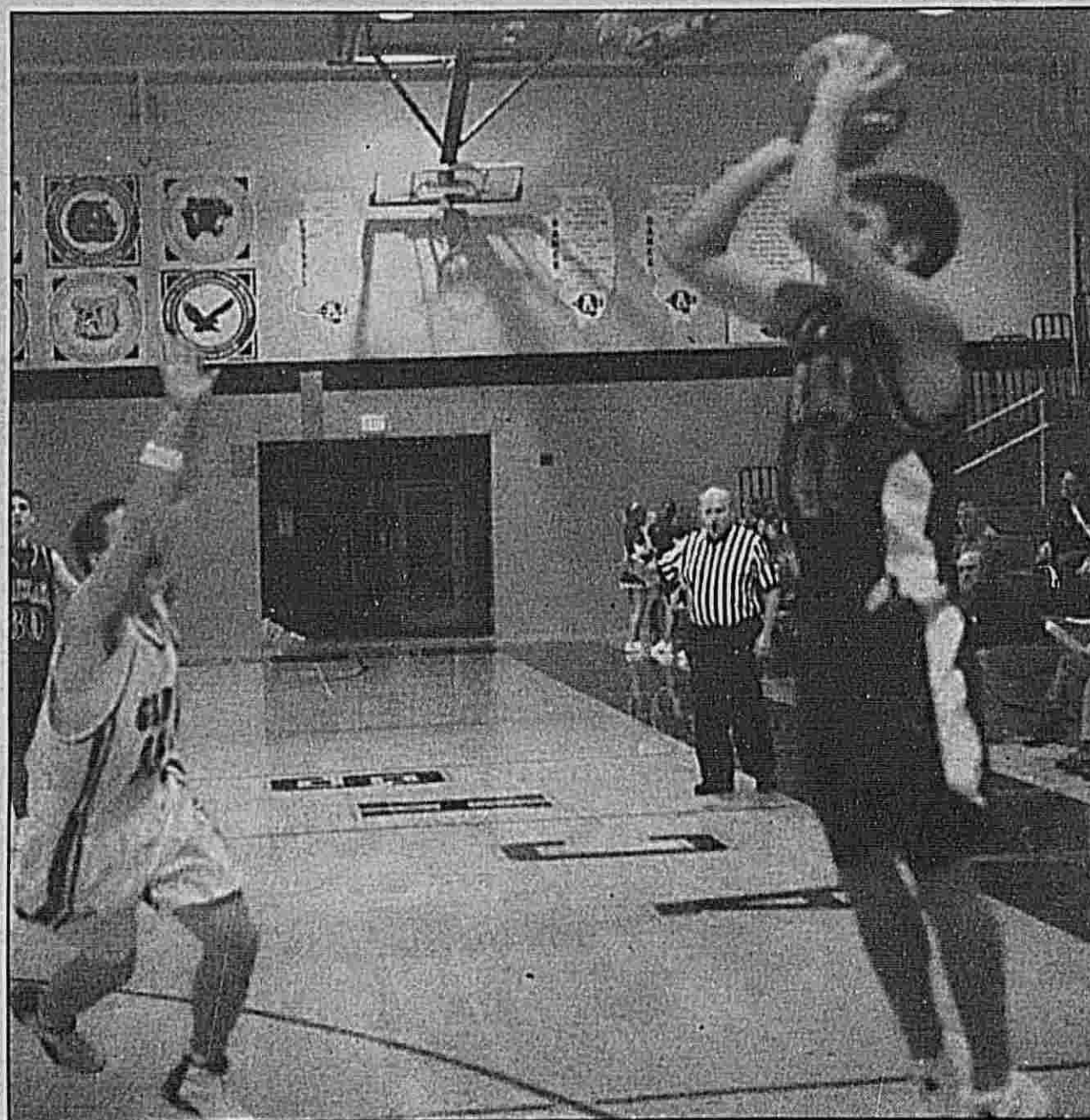


Photo by Steve Young

Grayslake Community High School's Brian Centella goes for a three-point shot in a loss to Highland Park as part of the Lake-Cook Shootout.

Centella led the Rams with 23 points, followed by Washington's 14 points, Rob Vaughan's 11 and Guy's 9.

The next night, in the final game of the Lake-Cook Shootout, Grayslake bounced back with a 53-38 win over Maine East. Centella once again led Grayslake with 13 points, followed by 9 points from Josh Damore and 8 points apiece from Washington and Vaughan.

"We had an intense game against Glenbrook the night before, so our legs were a little wobbly," Bowen said. "But we came out and didn't just rely on Brian. We had a well-balanced game."

Also, Grayslake was able to do the little things, which is what it all comes down to, according to Bowen.

"This team is able to do the little things," Bowen said. "They just aren't doing them all the time."

The Rams will search for their first FVC win on Dec. 4 at 7 p.m. when they host Crystal Lake South.

WRESTLING

Grayslake has had a bit of a tough go to open the season, starting out 2-3, including

two straight losses last week.

Minus seven starters, the Rams fell to a strong Harvard team 51-3. Dane Lund at 125 pounds was the lone Grayslake victor.

"Harvard is a very good team," Grayslake coach Steve Wood said. "We had some kids wrestle pretty well, but our good wrestlers were matched up against their good wrestlers and they did a little better."

The team came back the next night, and despite splitting the matches 7-7, fell to Belvidere 42-30.

"With three of the seven wrestlers missing from the night before back, we bounced back well," Wood said. "But they (Belvidere) just had more pins than we did and that was the difference."

August Trexler (160 pounds), Matt Simon (171), Eric Rohde (189), David Quedens (215), Marvin Mantras (275), Travis Atkins (135) and Lund (125) were all victorious for Grayslake.

"It's been a learning experience so far," Wood said. "We have seven kids in the lineup with 20 wins or more but we also have seven kids in the lineup with no experience. We're just getting caught on our backs out there and we're not getting off it."

PREPROFILES



Brian Centella

Any high school player is going to grow physically over the course of his career, but according to Grayslake coach Tim Bowen, it's the mental maturation process that's even more exciting to watch.

Take Grayslake senior Brian Centella, for example. Bowen has been his coach for the last three years, and the difference in his play has been night and day.

"He's grown up so much over three years," Bowen said. "At first he didn't have a whole clue of what it takes to be a complete player, but now he's become one."

After averaging just over 11 points per game as a junior, everyone in the area, including Centella, feels he's poised for a breakout season.

"I feel I'm ready for a really good year," Centella said. "I've been feeling good so far."

Indeed, Centella has been off to a good start, scoring in double figures in each of his team's four games.

But individual accolades mean nothing to Centella. Instead, he's just hoping for some success for his 1-4 team.

"Individual success will always come from team success," Centella said. "It's been a frustrating start so far, but we've played four tough teams. I think we're really going to surprise some people. This is the best team we've had since I've been here."

That he's willing to put the team first is the sort of thing that makes Centella fun to coach, according to Bowen.

"He's a good leader," Bowen said. In fact, Centella usually has to spend much of his energy guarding the opposition's best offensive player, something's he's had to do much of his career.

Centella said, "It's something I enjoy. I like the extra challenge."

Now Centella will turn to the challenge of making Grayslake a winning team in his final season. —By Rob Backus

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LIBERTYVILLE

"I told (Libertyville football coach Randy Kuceyeski), 'It would be like a football team playing you guys then Joliet Catholic.'" (on opening the season against Thornton and Proviso East)

Scott Bogumil

Libertyville boys basketball coach

Quote Me



Competition proves tough for Cats

By Matt Pera

Sports Reporter

Libertyville boys head basketball coach Scott Bogumil likes making analogies when talking about his team. So, when he ran into Wildcats head football coach Randy Kuceyeski Monday, he described the start of the basketball team's season like this:

"I told (Kuceyeski), 'It would be like a football team playing you guys then Joliet Catholic or something the next night,'" Bogumil said.

Both Libertyville and Joliet Catholic won state championships over the weekend so obviously Bogumil meant his basketball team did not have the easiest of season-openers.

The Wildcats kicked things off over the Thanksgiving break at the Schaumburg Tournament, where they had to face state powerhouses Thornton and Proviso East in back-to-back games.

The tourney started for Libertyville Nov. 27 with a 75-44 loss to the Thornton Wildcats, who Bogumil said are ranked No. 15 in the nation by USA Today.

Behind the play of senior power forward Donnell Lyons and senior shooting guard Brandon Long, Thornton jumped out to a 22-4 first quarter lead and never looked back.

Bogumil said his team's lack of experience showed in that game.

"We have a lot of seniors but they haven't played a lot of varsity minutes," he said. "That was just too tough of a first game for that type of team."

The Wildcats took on Proviso East the following day and the result wasn't much better with an 82-57 loss.

"(Thornton and Proviso East) are both athletic and pressing teams," Bogumil said. "It added up to a hard situation."

But things got a little easier for the Wildcats in the final two games of the tournament.

Libertyville (2-2) got two wins on Nov. 27, beating Collins 66-41, then closing out the tourney with a 71-60 victory over Manley.

Bogumil used another analogy to illustrate the differences between the Wildcats first two opponents and their final two of the weekend.

"It was like facing Roger Clemens every day throwing a 100-mile-an-hour fastball, then facing a guy throwing 80," he said. "(Collins and Manky) were still good but not like who we faced in the first two games."

The Wildcats were finally able to establish their defense Nov. 27, which was evident when they held Collins to a single point in the second quarter.

And while Bogumil said the team still has a lot to work on, he saw positive signs over the weekend.

"We played pretty good, especially in the last two games and in spurts in first two," he said. "We finally played four quarters in the games Saturday. We rebounded really well and really ran our fast break well."

Now that the football season is over, two players will move over from the gridiron to the hardwood for Libertyville.

6-4 senior forward Mike Culbertson-Fehling and 6-3 junior forward Ryan Laine both began practicing with the basketball team this week.

The Wildcats will open North Suburban Conference Lake Division play Dec. 3 when they travel to Stevenson.

Bogumil said the coaching staff has already scouted the Patriots extensively.

"We've seen them a bunch," he said. "They're a very good team and I'm sure their confidence is riding high after winning the Buffalo Grove Tournament."

BOYS WRESTLING

The Libertyville boys wrestling team had a strong showing at McHenry Nov. 27, beating the host team 47-19 then edging Mahomet-Seymour 35-32.

103-pounder Trey Ayala won by technical fall against McHenry then by forfeit versus Mahomet-Seymour. 140-pounder Dave Paramski won 10-0 in his first match and followed it up with a pin in his second, while 145-pounder Jeff Keske notched pins in both his matches.

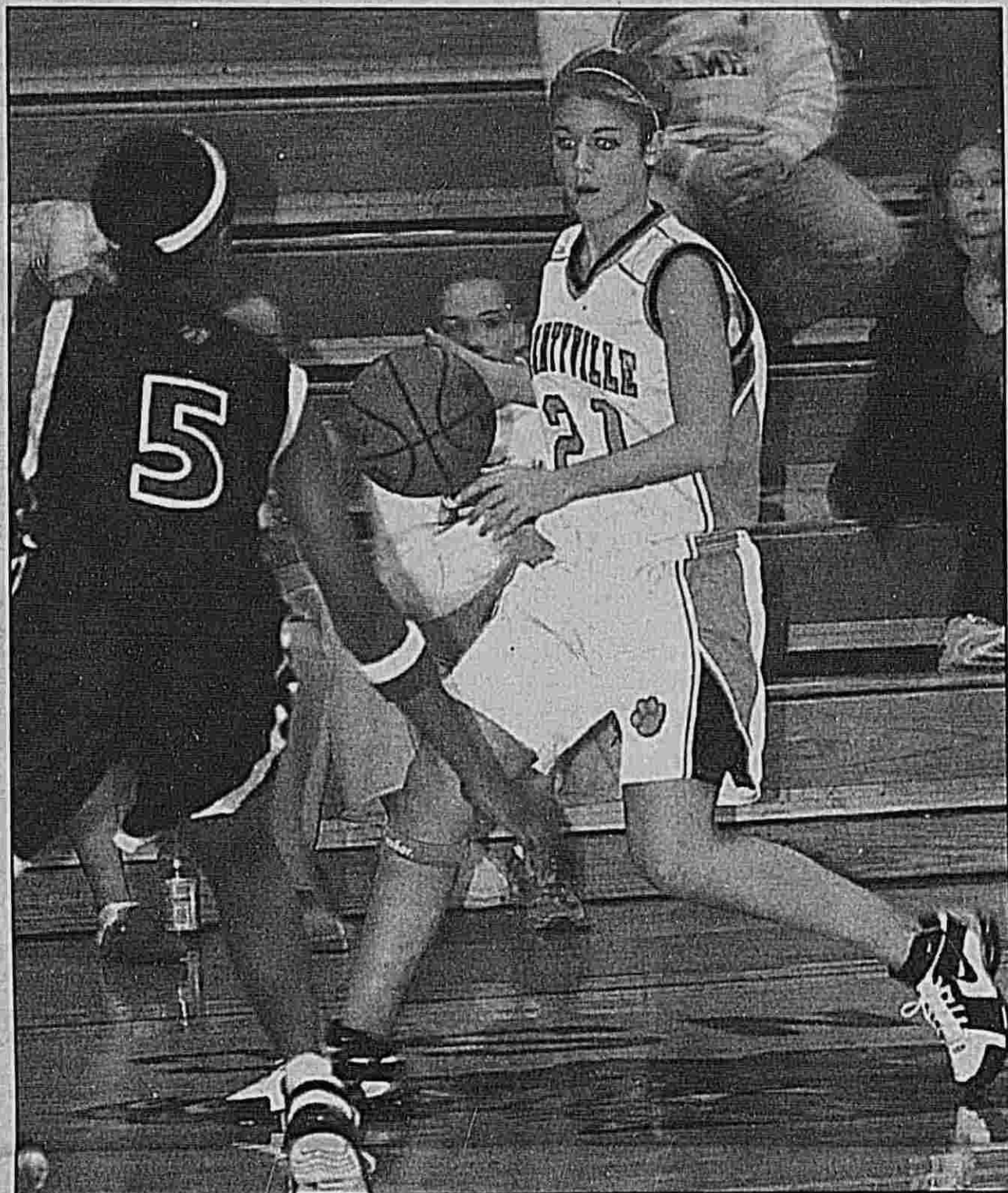


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Libertyville High School junior Brenna Bohl, looks for a way past a guard, as she takes the ball down court during the game against Zion-Benton.

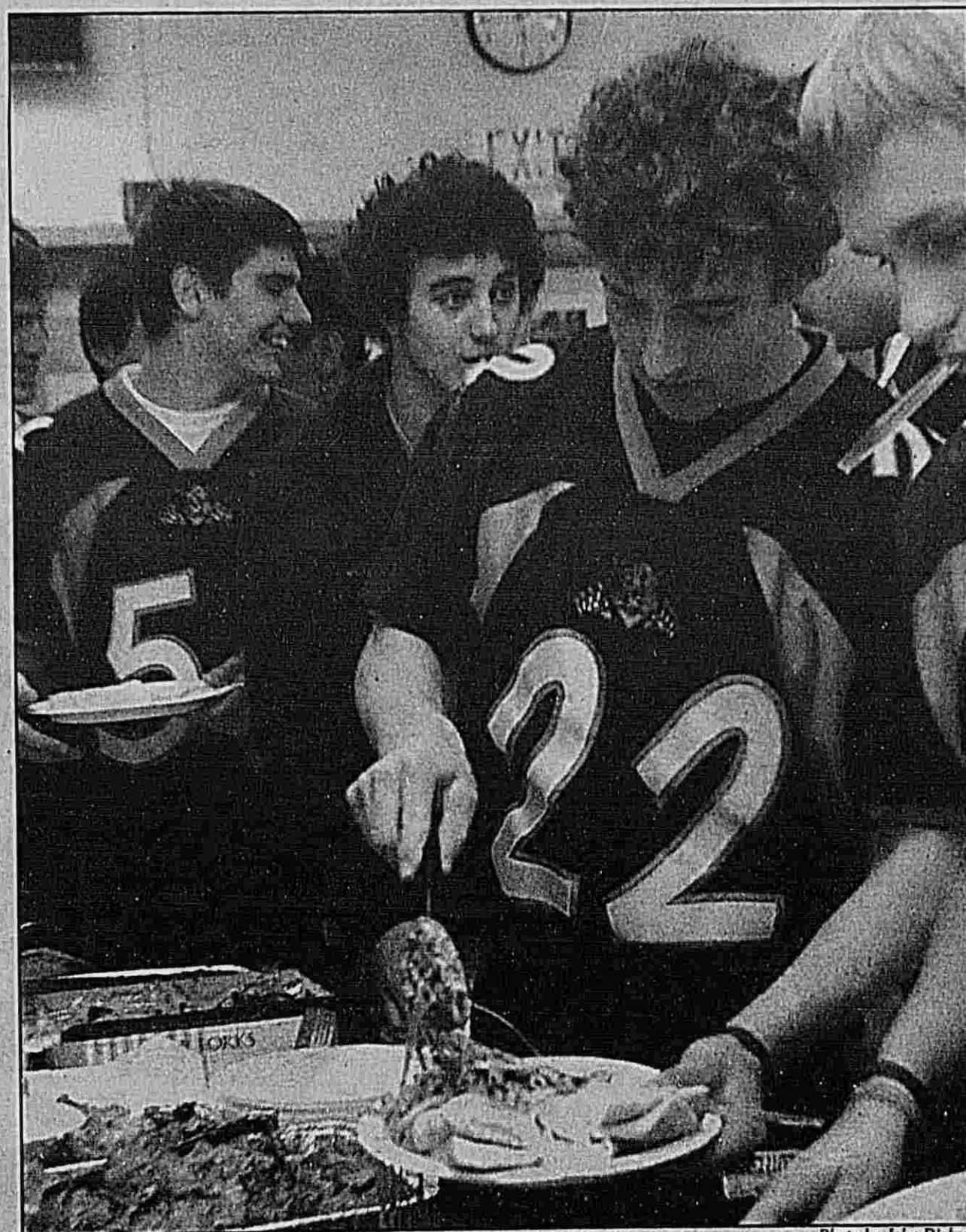
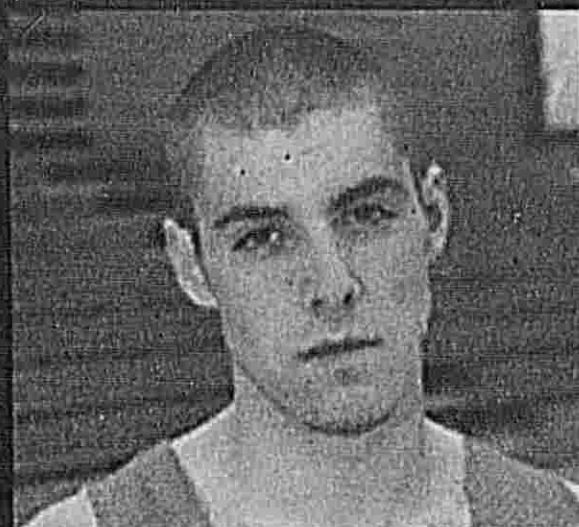


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Libertyville senior Matt Lewis loads his plate with a helping of mostaccioli before the IHSA semifinals game. For the last two years the Libertyville Wildcats have feasted upon a dinner of salad, meatballs, and mostaccioli from Nana's Pizzeria in Libertyville.

PREP PROFILES



Anthony Jennings

Last season, Libertyville senior Anthony Jennings mainly spent his time on the wing for the boys basketball team.

As a junior coming off the bench, his major charge was to be a defensive stopper while then-seniors Dan Gibbons and Steve Olsen did most of the scoring.

But Gibbons and Olsen have since graduated, and Jennings' role has changed for the Wildcats.

He has shed the defensive specialist title and has taken on the task of running the team's offense.

"Now I'm more at the (point) and (shooting guard) so I feel more comfortable," Jennings said. "I'm more offensive oriented."

As Libertyville's starting point guard, he is also expected to be the team's most vocal and involved leader.

Head coach Scott Bogumil said Jennings is still adjusting to the new role but showed marked improvement at the Schaumburg Tournament Nov. 23-27.

"He was a little shaky in the first game but he rebounded and did a nice job in the rest of the (Schaumburg) tournament," Bogumil said. "He needs to be more vocal and be more of a team leader out there. He plays a position where he's an extension of the coaches."

Being that Jennings is one of two players on the Wildcats who saw significant varsity playing time last season, he said he knows he will be looked to for leadership this year.

"I'm kind of taking it upon myself, having a little bit of experience, just to lead the other guys this year, be more vocal," he said.

Jennings worked on his ball-handling and shooting skills all summer with his cousin Bryan Pironen, who is now a freshman point guard at Loyola University. And, like any good point guard, Jennings wants to keep the whole team involved.

"This year we're more team-oriented, getting the ball around on the offense (and) fast-breaking a lot," he said.—By Matt Pera

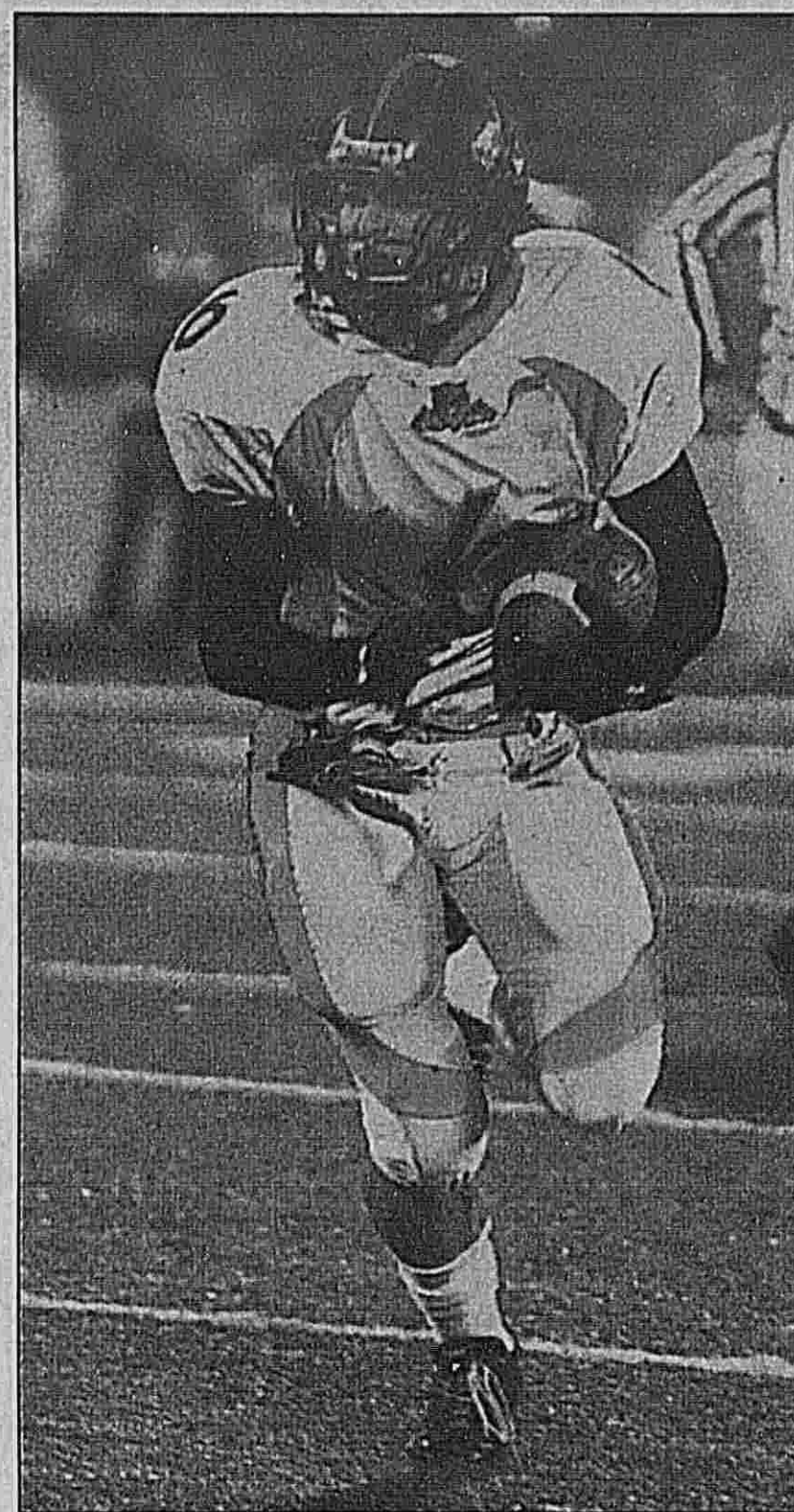


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Senior halfback Tom Sitz carries the ball during Libertyville High School's 13-3 Class 7A State Championship win against Cary-Grove in Champaign.

Libertyville weathers the elements

Cats prevail in return trip to 7A title game

By Matt Pera
Sports Reporter

If you listened closely last Saturday night at Memorial Stadium, you could almost hear it—a collective sigh emitted from the Libertyville sideline.

It was a sigh of relief, of satisfaction, of vindication.

The Wildcats (14-0) were finally able to let go of last year's double-overtime loss to Oswego in the Class 7A state championship game and grasp the fact that, a year later, they were the champs.

The weight of last year's only loss was lifted off the team's shoulders after they beat Cary-Grove 13-3 in this season's state title game in Champaign.

"I'm gonna be able to sleep good these next couple weeks," senior running back/defensive back Jeff Fontana said.

After losing all but one offensive starter last year to graduation, head coach Randy Kuceyeski said he knew his defense, with several returning starters, would have to step up this season.

The defense definitely did its part in the Wildcats' much-anticipated return trip to Champaign, holding the Trojans (13-1) to a mere field goal and 116 yards of total offense.

It was a far cry from what Cary-Grove's offense had accomplished through the regular season and first four playoff games, in which the team averaged 34 points per game.

But on a frigid and windy field, Libertyville's offense, which had averaged 36 points per game, also had a tough time.

The Wildcats heralded backfield trio of seniors Jeff Fontana, Kyle Nader and Tom Sitz combined for only 127 yards and a touchdown, while the team mustered 215 yards of total offense.

"If you would have told me it was going to be 7-3 going late into the fourth quarter with these two offenses, I would have told you you were nuts," Kuceyeski said. "But both defenses came to play today."

That became abundantly clear when, early in the first quarter, Libertyville had Cary-Grove pinned at its own 6-yard line on fourth down.

Trojans senior quarterback Brian Miltz dropped back to punt out of the end zone but Libertyville senior defensive end Ryne Gavigan sprung off the line untouched and leapt into the air just in time to knock the ball down.

Defensive back Kevin Burns was right behind Gavigan and fell on top of the ball in the end zone to give the Wildcats their first touchdown of the game.

It proved to be the only score they would need, as the Trojans' sole points came midway through the third quarter when senior Brad Nelson hit a 32-yard field goal.

Although there was a lot of football to be played after the blocked punt and touchdown, Gavigan said the team was confident.

"We knew we could shut them down the rest of the game," he said.

The Wildcats did just that for the remainder of the game, allowing the Trojans only six first downs and forcing them to punt seven times. Cary-Grove was also 0 of 12 on third-down conver-

sions and 0 of 2 on fourth-down situations.

Gavigan again came up big at the very end of the game, sacking Miltz on two of the Trojans' final three plays.

While the Wildcats struggled offensively, they were able to get an insurance touchdown late in the fourth quarter, again in an unconventional way.

With just over two minutes to go, and Libertyville leading 7-3, senior place kicker Matt Partain came out to attempt a 40-yard field goal.

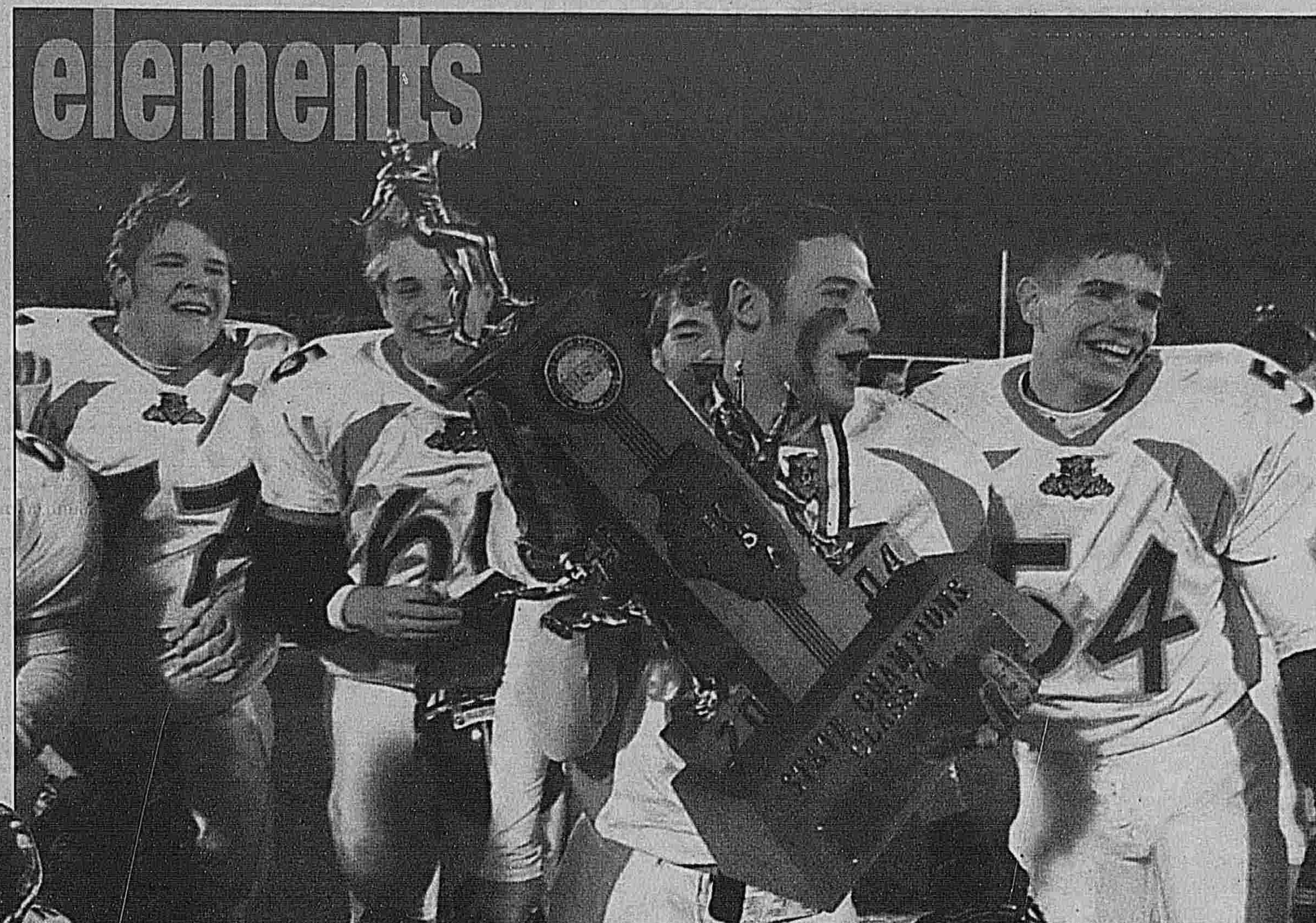
But the snap slipped and Fontana, who was going to hold for the kick, picked up the ball and sprinted 10 yards for a first down. On the very next play, he went 13 more yards to the end zone.

"It wasn't a called play," Fontana said of the botched field goal attempt. "We were just trying to get the seven-point lead back."

It turned out to be a 10-point lead, which was comfortable enough to give Libertyville its first ever state title in football.

"It says a lot about our seniors, because they had to live with that defeat (against Oswego) for a year," Kuceyeski said. "They made a commitment to come back and run the table after going 13-1 last year."

"It was a testament to our senior leadership. They did a great job and there was no team in the state that was going to deny them the championship this year."



Libertyville High School varsity football co-captain Dave Romito triumphantly carries the Class 7A State Championship trophy across the field of Champaign's Memorial Stadium after clinching the title with a 13-3 win over Cary-Grove.

They knew it all along

Libertyville coach, players were confident in team's chances



Running back Jeff Fontana (right) is pursued by Cary-Grove's defense during Libertyville's 13-3 Class 7A State Championship win in Champaign.

By Rob Backus
Sports Editor

Midway through Libertyville's Class 7A title match-up with Cary-Grove, the Jumbotrons at Memorial Stadium flashed to an interview with a star from last year's team, the now graduated Kevin Fontana.

The freshman at Illinois State University made the brief trek from Bloomington to Champaign to cheer on his little brother, Jeff, now a star back in his own right, both on offense and defense.

The elder Fontana should have proved a glimpse of what might have been after the Cats came up short in a double-overtime loss to Oswego in last year's title game.

After all, graduation was extremely tough on Libertyville, which lost 10 offensive starters, including Fontana and Illinois Gatorade Player of the Year Santino Panico, who's now on the return team at the University of

Nebraska.

With so much talent gone from last year's 13-1 squad, the Cats had no chance of making it back to Champaign, right? Heck, even head coach Randy Kuceyeski thought so prior to the season, penciling his team in for seven to eight wins.

But after defeating Cary-Grove 13-3 to capture the state title and cement a perfect 14-0 season, Kuceyeski was again asked the question: Did he think his team had the talent to win the state title prior to the season?

"I knew it all along," Kuceyeski said.

But what about your preseason prediction, coach?

"I lied," Kuceyeski joked. "We knew how good we were going to be but our motto was, 'Under the radar.' We wanted to sneak up on people."

The coach knew that he lost a lot of offensive firepower, but he was convinced he had even more coming back.

"Sure, we lost a lot of people on offense, but the people coming in

behind them were just as good," Kuceyeski said. "Everyone thought it was the best class we've ever had. They've only lost one game in their high school careers."

In fact, dating back to their grade-school play with the Libertyville Boys Club youth football organization, this year's crop of seniors has gone 71-1 in their respective football careers.

And a big part of that was the lone offensive holdover from last year's squad, gigantic lineman David Moosman, who has helped block for more than 7,000 rushing yards the last two seasons.

While Moosman acknowledges the talents of last year's backs, Kevin Fontana, Panico and John Haas, he feels this year's group was just as talented.

"Our running backs this year are just so great and fast," Moosman said. "Jeff was a good substitute for Kevin, (Kyle) Nader is faster than Haas and (Tom) Sitz is a real strong back."

While it's easy to laud a unit that put up 477 points in 14 games, it's the defense that most Libertyville players credit as the real reason this team won its first state title.

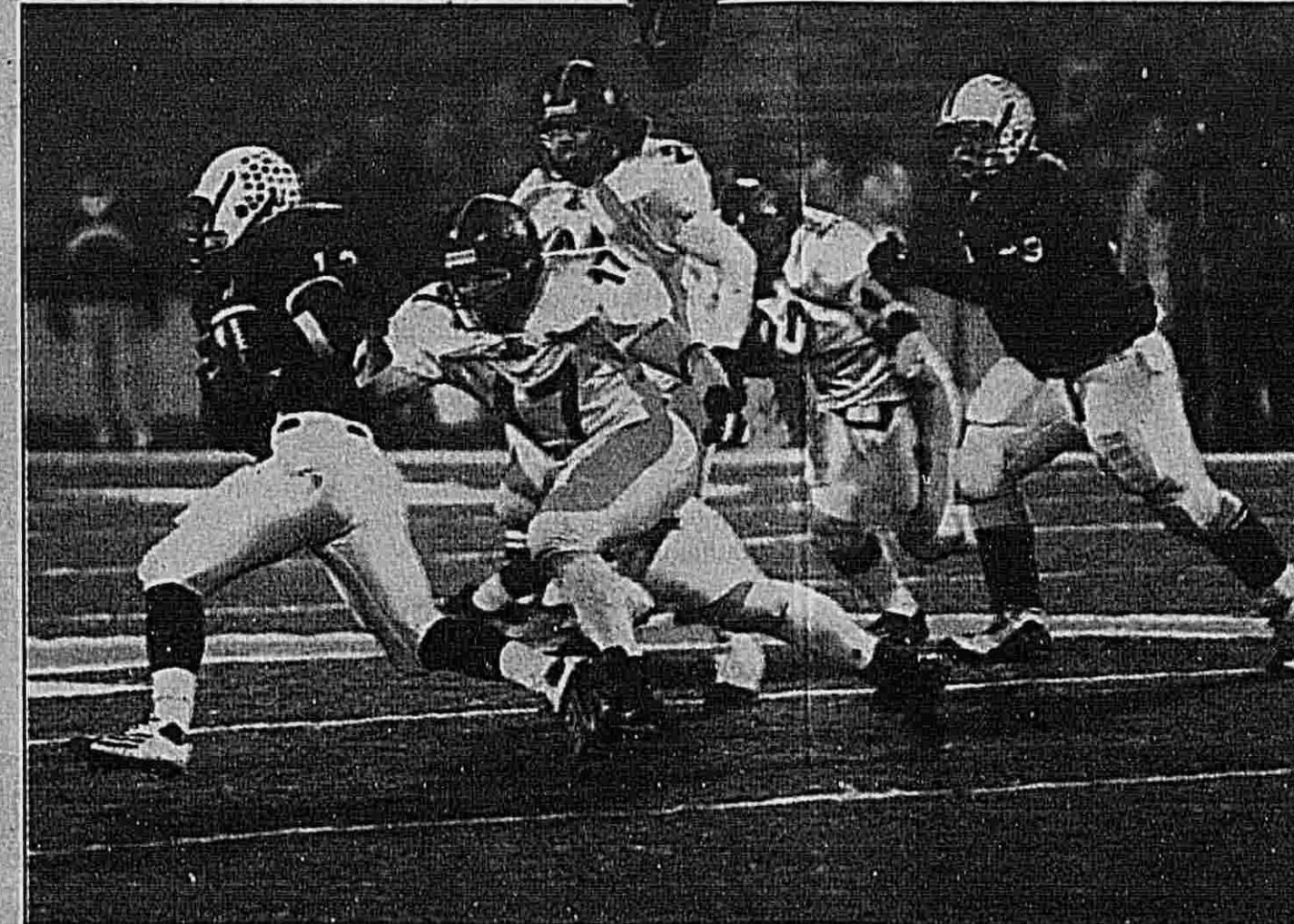
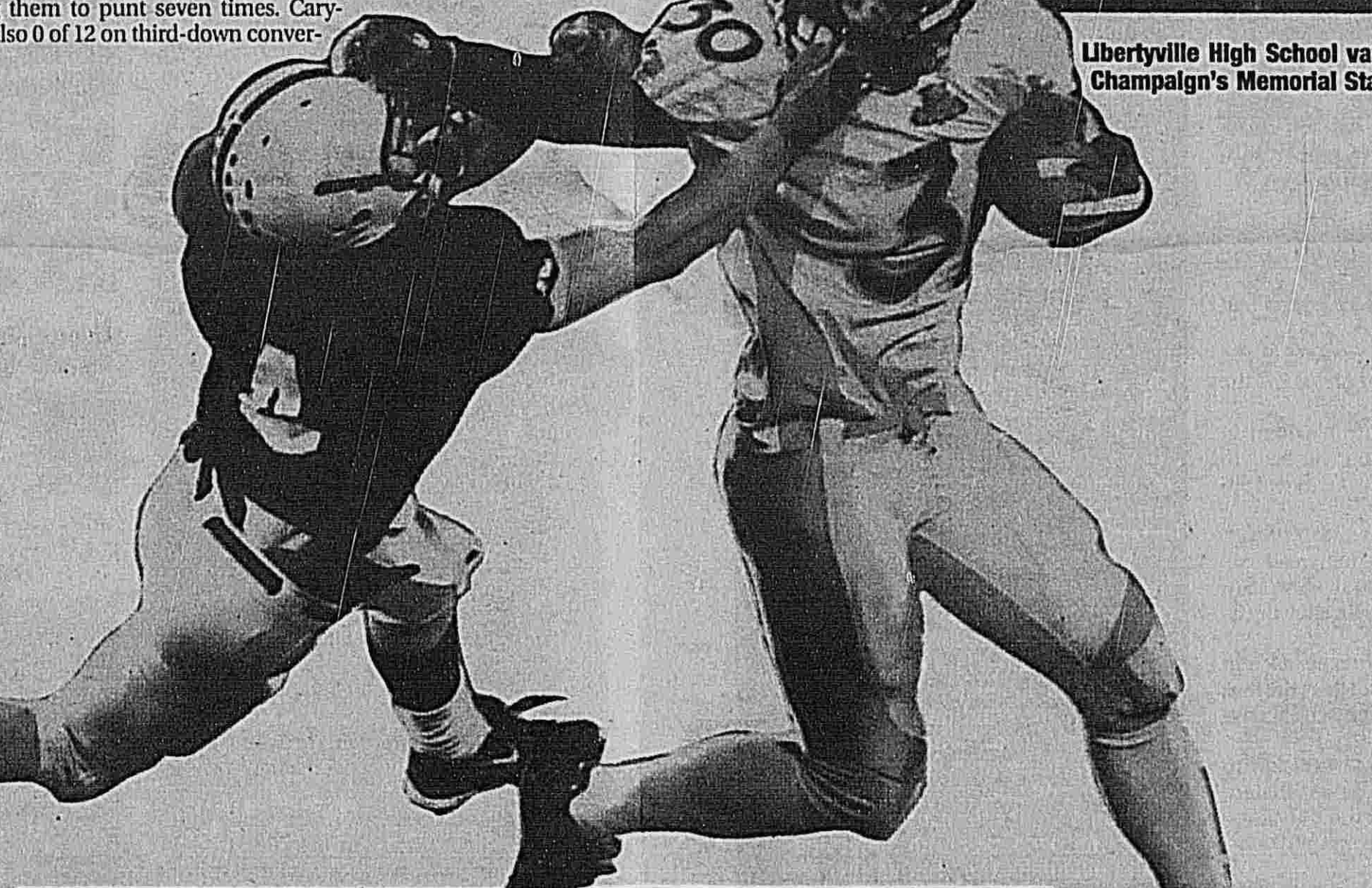
"After we averaged 40 points per game over the first month of the season, I knew we were set offensively," Kuceyeski said. "It's ironic that it came down to the defense winning the championship for us."

Jeff Fontana is a big part of both units, and he's quick to spread the credit around.

"We got better on offense every week going against that defense, and we got better on defense going against the mules every week," Fontana said.

No matter what side of the ball they played on, every single Libertyville player and coach was elated with the win. Kuceyeski summed it up best, saying, "We had the thrill of victory this after experiencing the agony of defeat. We just put an exclamation point on the season."

And for the 34 seniors on this year's squad, they were able to put an exclamation point on a 71-1 career.



Libertyville High School senior defensive back Matt Norcia goes in for the tackle during the Wildcats' 13-3 Class 7A State Championship win in Champaign.

From agony to ecstasy

Libertyville's Gavigan comes through with performance of his life

By Matt Pera
Sports Reporter

After the Libertyville boys football team lost a double-overtime thriller to Oswego in the Class 7A state championship game last season, Ryne Gavigan walked up to each of his teammates and apologized to them.

And no matter how many times he heard them say it wasn't his fault that the Wildcats lost, it didn't seem to matter.

As time ticked off the clock in regulation, Gavigan had missed a 39-yard field goal that would have given Libertyville a 24-21 victory. Even though the Wildcats still had their opportunities in both overtimes to get the win, Gavigan couldn't stop thinking about that field goal.

After Oswego scored the game-winning touchdown in the second overtime, he said the team's collective heart broke.

Amid the tears and disappointment, Gavigan said he couldn't help but feel partly responsible.

It was then and there that the players returning for the 2004 season circled Nov. 27 on their mental calendars, the day they hoped to avenge the loss to Oswego.

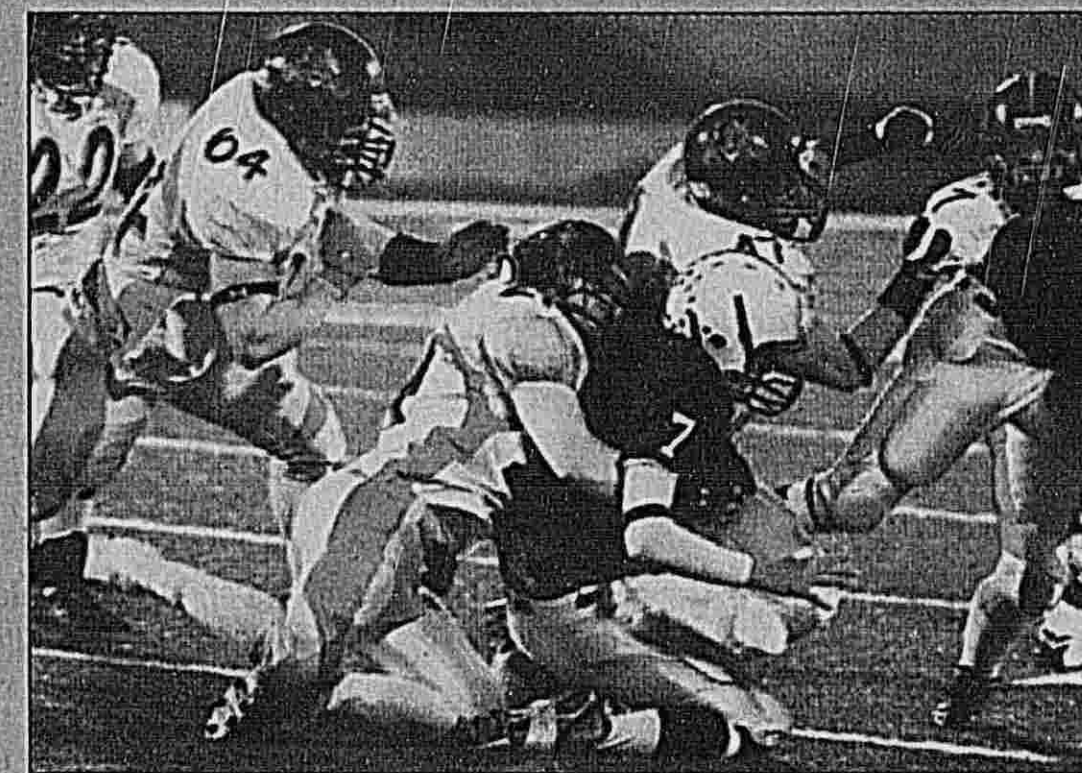
The Wildcats realized that goal with a 13-3 win over Cary-Grove at the state championship game in Champaign last weekend.

"Right after that (Oswego) game, we knew we had to make it back," Gavigan, a senior, said. "It wasn't a voiced goal, but we all knew. And we all pulled through strong. It's huge. It means the world to everyone."

Gavigan still had last year's missed field goal on his mind when Libertyville's team bus pulled into Champaign for the Cary-Grove game. In order to shake off the memory, he had to relieve it.

"The first thing I did when we got here was kick a 39-yard field goal on the practice field," he said. "I was getting rid of some of that bad karma."

This time, with senior defensive back



Libertyville High School's Ryne Gavigan, center, sacks Cary-Grove's Brian Miltz in the first half of the Wildcats' Class 7A State Championship win.

Kevin Burns holding for him, the ball split the uprights.

Since Gavigan was not the place kicker for the Wildcats this season, concentrating on his duties as a defensive end, he knew he wasn't going to get a chance to hit a field goal in the actual game. But he said the pre-game ceremony helped relieve some of the weight from his shoulders.

Little did he know that, later that night, he and Burns would again partner up for some points. Only this time they would count.

Midway through the first quarter, the Libertyville defense had pushed Cary-Grove back to its own six-yard line.

On fourth down, Trojans quarterback Brian Miltz was forced to punt out of his own end zone.

But as he dropped the ball to his

foot, Gavigan sprinted off the right end untouched and blocked it to the ground. Burns was right behind him and fell on the ball in the end zone to give the Wildcats their first of two touchdowns in the game.

The Gavigan/Burns touchdown would prove to be the only points Libertyville would need, as the Trojans could only muster a third-quarter field goal.

And after the game, last year's tears of frustration were converted to tears of joy.

"I think more people cried this year than last year," Gavigan said. "For the seniors, it didn't hit us that, for most of us, this was our last game. We all wanted it so bad we could barely sleep. All we could think about was the game."

Gavigan and his teammates can rest easy now.

MUNDELEIN

"It's fun to go out there and win by a lot of points but it doesn't help you when a close game comes around."

Brian Evans

Mundelein girls' basketball coach

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Missed opportunities cost Mustangs

By Matt Pera

Sports Reporter

Mundelein girls head basketball coach Brian Evans said he knew there would be games like this.

After the Mustangs swept through the competition in their first three games of the Mundelein/Johnsburg Thanksgiving Tournament, they ran into a tall, scrappy Wheeling team Nov. 26 and where finally faced with playing in a tight contest.

"We had talked about this two days (before the Wheeling game)," he said. "About how it's fun to go out there and win by a lot of points but it doesn't help you when a close game comes around."

The Wildcats hung tough with the Mustangs (4-1) throughout the contest and, when it counted most, they converted key baskets and made timely defensive stops to win 58-57 in overtime.

But, as the fourth quarter came to a close, it looked as though the Mustangs were going to pull off the win.

With just over two minutes to go in regulation, and the game tied at 49, Mundelein senior forward Ashley Cretacci dropped in a reverse layup to put the Mustangs up two.

Senior guard Sarah Miller, who led Mundelein with 18 points, sank two free throws a minute later to put her team up four.

But Wheeling struck on a quick layup by 6-1 sophomore forward Taylor Lawless, who had 20 points in the game. Then, on the Mustangs' ensuing inbound, Wildcat junior forward Laura Joya stole the ball and threw a quick pass to senior forward Jessica Graham, who knocked down a point-blank shot to tie the game.

"When you're up four with a minute to go, you need to take care of that ball and we didn't do it," Evans said. "Regardless of what kind of pressure they put on us, we've got seniors out there that turned the ball over."

The Mustangs again had trouble maintaining a four-point lead with a minute remaining in overtime, as they held a 57-53 advantage after Miller hit a fast-break layup with 1:13 to go.

Wheeling junior guard Lindsay Lewis answered Miller's shot with a huge three to bring the Wildcats within one point.

The Mustangs then missed the front end of two free throws in single-bonus situations.

"You've got to be able to hit free throws and we didn't," Evans said.

With less than 20 seconds left in the extra period, Miller fouled sophomore guard Nikki Preston, who sank both free throws to put the Wildcats up one.

Mundelein had one last chance to win on a fast break as time ran out, but senior guard Beth Rosendahl, who had 15 points in the contest, had trouble handling a pass under the basket as the buzzer sounded, marking the first loss for the Mustangs in the young season.

After the game Evans said he hoped to see his squad improve on some of the mistakes they made against Wheeling, namely missing free throws and allowing too many second-



Mundelein High School's Shara Swager, a junior, is guarded by a Johnsburg player during the Johnsburg/Mundelein Thanksgiving Tournament at Johnsburg High School.

Photo by Candace H. Johnson

chance points.

"We said at the beginning of the year we're going to lose games," Evans said. "It's just, what are we going to learn from it and how are we going to react to it?"

The Mustangs reacted to the loss by beating Johnsburg 59-52 Nov. 27. They next face Stevenson Dec. 2.

BOYS BASKETBALL

At first glance a team with seven seniors on the roster should have a strength of experience.

But all those seniors have something in common. They, along with the underclassmen, are learning a new system.

"We just need to work on getting good shot selection. It is harder, more physical work to work the ball inside, but that is what we have to do," MHS coach Richard Knar said.

Mundelein beat Round Lake with no trouble, 61-31 in the opener, but lost to Jeff Jordan and Loyola, 86-66 in the second game. Jeff's famous dad, Michael, watched as any proud parent would from the stands for three days, causing near capacity crowds at MHS.

Knar said his team handled the hoopla well so it could "focus on the task at hand and play hoops."

Jake Gaebler scored 23 points against

Round Lake, then 26 against Loyola before fouling out.

Senior Brian Wilhelm had 12 points and Matt Tye added eight.

"Jake is a good all-around player. He can shoot it and play defense and shoot off the dribble," Knar said.

Mundelein trailed 51-37 at one point in the third quarter, but trimmed the lead to eight or 10 points several times. It was just 58-52 entering the final quarter.

But, like his dad, Jeff Jordan took over with a third-shot rebound for an 11-point lead.

"We just have to learn from it. Obviously, our defense was not good enough, allowing 80 points," Knar said.

But Mustangs fans should take solace in the fact that someone whose dad gave the fans so many thrills during their high school days helped beat the home team.

Mundelein dropped a 71-43 decision to Barrington in the third game for a 1-2 start. Gaebler had 17 points to lead the Mustangs, who fell victim to a 25-5 Barrington third quarter run.

MHS has a challenging start to the NSC Lake Division season, on the road against Warren Dec. 3 and Libertyville Dec. 7. Warren is coming off a title at the Waukegan tournament for a 3-0 start.

PREPFILES



Caroline Laird

Mundelein head coach Brian Evans compares the mentality of his starting point guard, senior Caroline Laird, to that of a lineman in football.

Just like the guys who battle in the trenches on the gridiron, she is one of the team's unsung heroes, doing the little things that make a big difference, although it can't always be found on a stat sheet.

"She's just a good leader," he said. "She fills that leadership role very nicely and knows what's going on and always is thinking of the team before herself."

The Mustangs get plenty of offensive production from the likes of senior guards Sarah Miller and Beth Rosendahl, but Laird is often the one that gets them into scoring position.

The quick 5-4 guard said she is just as happy making a difference by taking a charge, snatching a steal, or leading a fast break as she is draining a shot.

"I feel like I'm the person to get people open like Sarah Miller or Beth," she said. "I get them the ball so they can score because that's the first option."

Her pass-first philosophy is one that benefits the entire team, as she is always looking for the Mustangs' most potent scorers.

As a team captain and one of the five starters returning from last year's regional championship squad, Evans said Laird's knowledge of her teammates' tendencies is a key to Mundelein's success.

"When she's not on the floor, you can tell," he said. "When she's on the floor everything runs smoother."

Laird said she enjoys that role.

"I just want to push the ball up the floor a lot because Sarah Miller and Beth Rosendahl, they run so fast so I can always get it to them and go," she said. "I just want to help them get their points." —By Matt Pera

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Round Lake boys' hoops coach



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Panthers hope effort pays off

By Steve Peterson

Sports Reporter

Perhaps it was a battle for a rebound won by John Paulsen. Or a pull-up jumper for a swish by Craig Brock.

Or maybe just diving for a loose ball.

Those kinds of efforts added up to the positives for Round Lake in the first two games of the Mundelein Thanksgiving tournament.

"Like I was reminded after the game, we only had one player (Paulsen) with real experience last year. Two were call-ups and others played on the sophomore squad. I am pleased that we took a positive step and played hard for a quarter tonight and made adjustments," said RL coach Mark Petrynek.

Round Lake lost 61-31 to Mundelein then 64-35 to Barrington for an 0-2 start.

Paulsen had 10 points as the only double-digit scorer against the Mustangs. Brock led with nine against the Broncos.

Round Lake trailed 11-1 early, but made the adjustments and got back into the game Friday. Two baskets by senior Tony Arega (7 points, one three-pointer) closed the gap to 18-15. A three by Brock then tied it up at 18 each. Barrington regrouped after the Panthers had five chances to take the lead but could not.

By halftime, it was Barrington ahead 33-19.

"We're taking baby steps. We will have a feeder program soon from the elementary level on. It is bridging the gap now for the varsity. I will be up until 2 a.m. watching tape to find a way to bridge that gap," Petrynek said.

He said the spirits of the team is still upbeat and recognition and adjustments went well, although some did not know their exact positions yet.

"But we can't think just because we are the best players at Round Lake that that will be enough. It's not good enough to be the biggest fish in a small pond," Petrynek said.

Petrynek said that he will fight with his talents for instruction with all in his power to get this group of varsity players some wins this year, and emphasize the fundamentals. He said the coaches at the younger levels are doing a fine job so far.

The Panthers did face some tough individual talent the first two games. Jake Gaebler led Mundelein with 26 points and the Broncos then opened up the offense with a balanced attack.

Petrynek said that he had hoped to put in some more complicated looks for his forces in the third game, against Loyola. Jeff Jordan, son of legendary Michael, and the Ramblers won 66-35 for an 0-3 start for Round Lake.

WRESTLING

Freshman Ryan Bryant had his varsity debut for Round Lake, a 7-5 overtime win at 135. "That was a big win in his first varsity match," Round Lake coach John Jobst said.



Photo by John Dickson

Round Lake High School's Lauren Fischer runs her way to the goal during the game between Round Lake High School and Warren High School.

There were several close matches in the season opener. Jake Huffman won 8-4 at 119.

Dillon Pousson, one of three Pousson brothers on the team, won by pin at 103, but Derek and Dave had forfeits.

As for Josh Terrell, he is ready for a big season after a 27-win effort last year and the sectional spot at 152 pounds.

"He started slow, but he gained a lot of confidence last year as the season went on," Jobst said.

Round Lake is at Wauconda Dec. 3 in a key NSC Prairie Division clash. "We always have close matches, three or six points. It all boils down to staying off our backs and putting them more on theirs," Jobst said.

Round Lake is at the Deerfield tournament Dec. 4, followed by a clash with NSC

defending champ and team state qualifier Grant Dec. 10.

NSC ALL-ACADEMIC ATHLETES

Football: Danny Valadez, Frank Koster,
Girls Cross Country: Whitney Long
Volleyball: Alma Rodriguez, Alyssa Shults,
Kimmy Nicoline, Laura Daily, Amanda Scrivner, Nicole Walters, Jamie Gallinati
Boys Golf: Nick Anchor
Boys Soccer: Refugio Mariscal, Pedro Ferrer, Mauricio Gonzalez
Boys Cross Country: Brian Mendralla, Matt Siems, Tim Theobald
Cheerleading: Cindy Campos
Girls Tennis: Erin Poynter, Eileen To, Kristen Hall-Munch, Christina Dahmen, Katrina Becerra

PREPROFILES



Josh Terrell

Like any sophomore up on the varsity, Josh Terrell had some learning to do last year.

Terrell did just that, honing his technique as the season went on. He was a force at 152 pounds by the North Suburban Conference tournament and was a sectional qualifier.

Terrell started this season off with a pin in a 42-28 Round Lake win over Antioch.

"It was a good win for the kids. We had leaders step it up and do a nice job," said Round Lake coach John Jobst.

Terrell, who also plays linebacker and running back in football for RL, won the frosh-soph wrestling title. The meet is held just after the close of the post-season tournament, and includes regional and sectional meets. "It was an exciting final. He was trailing the kid in the final eight seconds and got a takedown," Jobst said.

"I have wrestled 70 matches this summer. I'm pretty excited about the season. My goal is to have 30 plus wins and place in the state," Terrell said.

Last year was not without some pain as Terrell wrestled despite a hip pointer in the sectional. After the regular season, he eagerly participated in spring wrestling and attended a camp this summer at NIU. "He did a good job at the camp, with 20 matches and impressed the coaching staff," Jobst said.

Terrell got his start in wrestling some six years ago at Magee Middle School. Some of the RL wrestling staff members were coaching the middle school level.

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Cougars continue making strides

By Matt Pera

Sports Reporter

With a young team that suits up only two seniors, Vernon Hills girls head basketball coach Paul Brettner said the Cougars major goal is to continue to improve as the season progresses.

And while the team has opened the year 0-6, he said his squad is beginning to make strides in a positive direction.

"The girls played well," Brettner said. "(I was) very impressed. We've gotten better just about every game. So we'll keep improving."

The Cougars nearly notched their first win of the season Nov. 26 when they took on Prairie Ridge in their fourth game of the Mundelein/Johnsburg Thanksgiving tournament.

Vernon Hills did not trail once through the first three quarters, but, with just over five minutes remaining in the fourth quarter, the Wolves used their size and defensive pressure to make their move.

Trailing 43-38, Prairie Ridge scored the game's final 13 points to win 51-43.

With senior center Stephanie Hebda the only player on Vernon Hills with significant varsity experience, Brettner said his squad still has some growing up to do.

"The inexperience of our team, not too many kids who have played on the varsity level, and turning the ball over in the fourth quarter when things got tighter (caused Prairie Ridge's run)," he said. "That will come with a little time."

The Wolves rally started when junior forward Jessica Sturm, who had 19 points in the game, sank two free throws to bring her team within three points.

Senior forward Steph Sievers then split a pair of free throws and junior guard Amy Campbell knocked down a baseline jump shot and hit a layup to give Prairie Ridge its first lead of the game with 2:50 remaining.

After that, the Wolves' full-court press, which had been implemented for the entire game, proved too much for the Cougars. Campbell snatched two key steals in the final minute of the game to help seal the win for Prairie Ridge.

"It's one of those things where there's not much you can do except keep working," he said. "Hopefully we'll make bigger leaps."

Hebda led the Cougars with 20 points, four rebounds and three blocks, notching 18 of her team's 36 points through the first three quarters. She said she agreed with Brettner's assessment that the team is showing positive signs.

"I think it just has to do with the fact that we are kind of an inexperienced team," she said. "But we've been improving ever since the beginning of the season. Every game we've gotten a little bit better."

The Cougars also had strong performances from junior forward Amanda Goldberg (eight points, three assists), senior forward Carrie Brandt (seven points, six rebounds) and

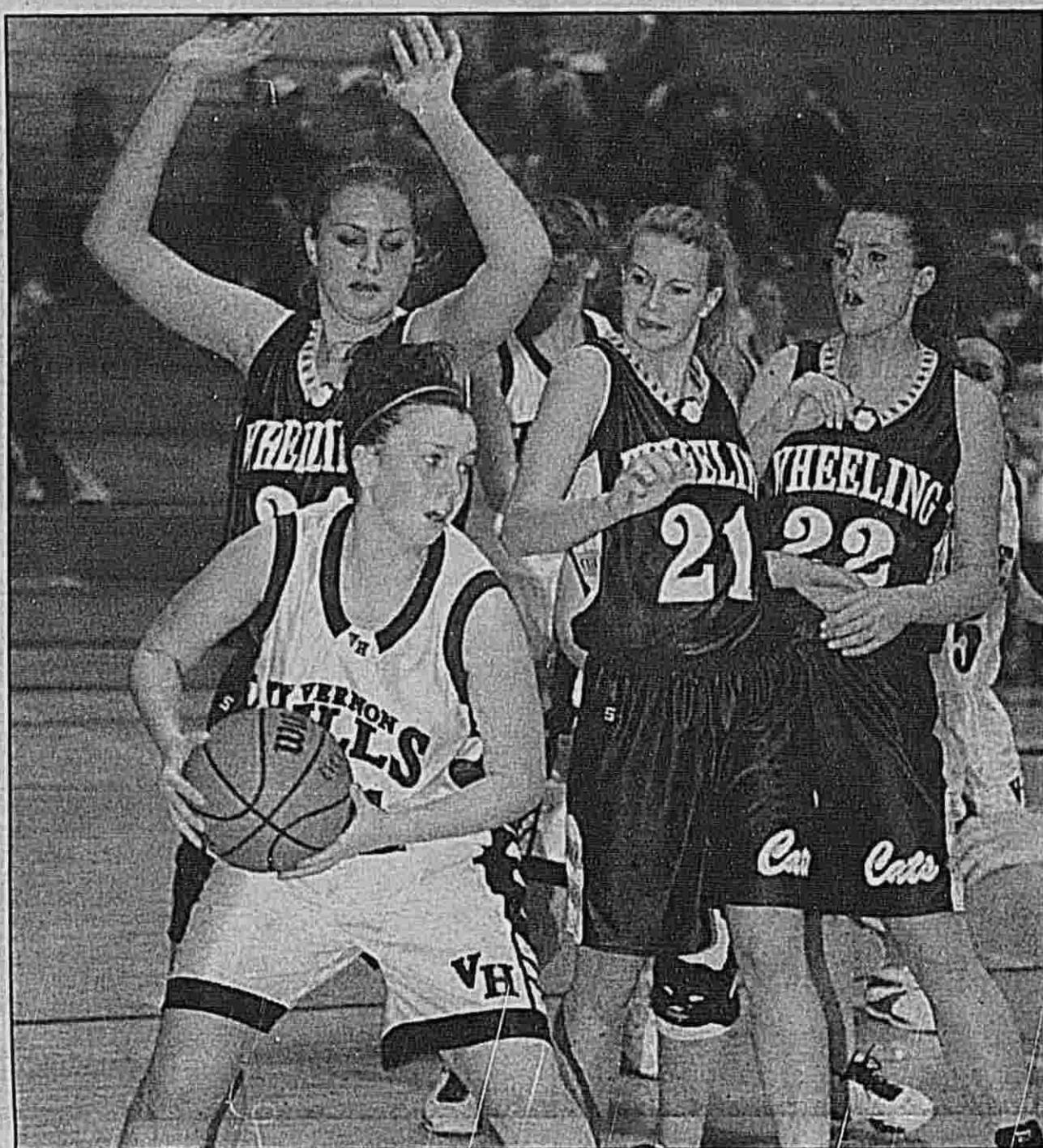


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Vernon Hills High School's Amanda Goldberg looks to make a pass while guarded by a flock of Wheeling players during the Johnsburg/Mundelein Thanksgiving Tournament at Johnsburg High School.

junior point guard Kate Romeo (four steals).

After losing to Prairie Ridge, the Cougars closed out the Mundelein/Johnsburg tourney with a 51-34 setback to Wheeling.

But Brettner said the team's intensity and willingness to learn should help them shake off the season's rough start.

"We'll go hard, that's for sure," he said. "I've always been blessed with kids who work real hard and aren't afraid to put it on the floor."

GIRLS GYMNASTICS

The girls gymnastics team dropped a tough meet to Highland Park Nov. 29, 110.3-88.7.

Senior Beth Kliver and junior Brittany Laskowski led the Cougars in the contest.

Kliver was first in the all-around competition with a 35.4. She also won the vault with a 9.5 and balance beam with an 8.7.

Laskowski took second to her teammate in the all-around competition and was first in the floor exercise with a 9.1 and parallel bars with an 8.6.

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Football: Michael Fijalkiewicz, Eugene Frankfurt, Gordon Scharf.

Girls Cross Country: Lauren Hansen, Great Kerns, Alayna Puccinelli.

Volleyball: Amanda Goldberg, Katherine Guglielmi, Chelsea Magary, Anka Niemczewska.

Girls Tennis: Bernadette Baba, Anjalika Gandhi, Vania Park, Sarah Romberg, Bianca Vogelsang.

Boys Golf: Bryan Alpert, Thomas Ginakakis, Michael Mazza.

Boys Soccer: Jared Batson, Alex Brown, Michael Johnston, Craig McGrath, Adam Ralph, Gordon Scharf, John Short, Si Win.

Boys Cross Country: Brian Chrysler, Eugene Galinovsky, Thomas Rarns.

Cheerleading: Alina Bogdanov, Sara Stiles. Dance: Tiarrah Jackson, Melinda Thommes.

Swimming: Jessica Feld, Katherine Kleinhample, Kathleen McDonnel.

PREP PROFILES



Stephanie Hebda

As a junior on Vernon Hills' girls basketball team last season, Stephanie Hebda barely said two words according to head coach Paul Brettner.

With five seniors on the team, she didn't really have to. The Cougars had plenty of vocal veterans.

This season, however, the 5-11 center has had to step up her game as well as her leadership. As one of only two seniors on a team that lacks varsity experience, Brettner said Hebda has embraced her new role.

"She's come a long way and it's hard work that's gotten her to where she is," he said. "She's gotten stronger and tougher, just an awesome kid."

Hebda and junior point guard Alyssa Miller are the only two current players who saw much playing time last year.

And, with Miller out due to a knee injury, Hebda and senior forward Carrie Brandt have taken the reins.

"I think that everybody's really listened to what we've said and some other girls too have stepped it up and they've been able to perform under pressure," Hebda said.

It's not uncommon to hear Hebda defer to her teammates. While she is the team's leading scorer, she said she made it a goal at the beginning of the season to share the ball with her teammates and give them credit for their contributions.

"Basketball is a team game," she said. "It's not just one person doing everything. So I was just looking to really get all my teammates involved."

She added that when they begin play in the NSC Prairie division, the 0-6 Cougars should improve.

"We're getting a lot of good experience in these (pre-conference) tournaments so we hope that with this experience, when we start playing in the division, we'll be able to do a lot better," she said. —By Matt Pera

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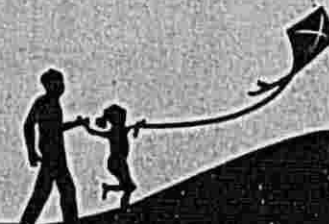
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WARREN

"We had a good start and went from there. The defense did a good job pressing the ball and not letting (Waukegan) run their offense the way they wanted to."

Chuck Ramsey
Warren boys' basketball coach



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Devils take Waukegan title

By Rob Backus

Sports Editor

Improved care of the basketball on offense and a return to basics approach on defense helped Warren return with the championship of the Waukegan boys' basketball tournament.

The Blue Devils, 3-0, turned back Waukegan 69-60 before a near-capacity crowd at Waukegan's historic gym at Jackson and Washington streets.

Unlike the first two games of the tournament, which Warren won handily, the title game did not go exactly as planned, at least in the first half. The two teams were tied 17-17 after the opening quarter, but Waukegan, using a 9-0 second-quarter run, managed to take a 33-27 lead into halftime.

"We didn't play well in the first half of the game defensively or in shot selection," Warren coach Chuck Ramsey said. "We were fortunate to be as close as we were."

Warren gained control with a three by Jordan Dalton (17 points, 4 assists) for a 38-37 lead with just over two minutes left in the third quarter.

Marcus Lewis (21 points, 6 boards) scored three straight points to offset the hot hand of Waukegan's Emanuel Gaiter, who finished with a game-high 23 points. Dalton finished the quarter with a finger roll and two free throws for a 49-45 Warren lead after three quarters.

It was still close early in the fourth, but Warren dominated for a five minute run in the final quarter. Two Dalton free throws and one by Lewis gave the Blue Devils a 62-53 lead with 90 seconds left.

Marvin Bemby added 11 points and Ceola Clark chipped in with 9 points and 7 boards. LaRon Frazier scored 16 points for Waukegan.

Warren's comeback was aided by the discrepancy at the free-throw line, as the Devils out-shot the Bulldogs 26-7 at the charity stripe.

"We did a lot better job taking the ball to the basket in the second half," Ramsey said. "We took control of the game, took the lead and built on it."

The Blue Devils also kept the turnovers in check, with eight, while forcing 21.

"In the first half, we weren't prepared for the intensity," Dalton said.

But by the second half, the offense clicked. "Coach said to pound it inside," Dalton said.

Waukegan had a slight rebounding edge, 27-24, but that was expected due to the Bulldogs' height advantage.

"You just have to stay in front of your man," said Warren's Mitchell Moore, who finished with 7 points, 5 rebounds and 3 assists in the contest.

The Devils opened the tournament with an 84-15 drubbing of Carmel on Nov. 24 and followed that up with a 54-33 win over Fremd on Friday.

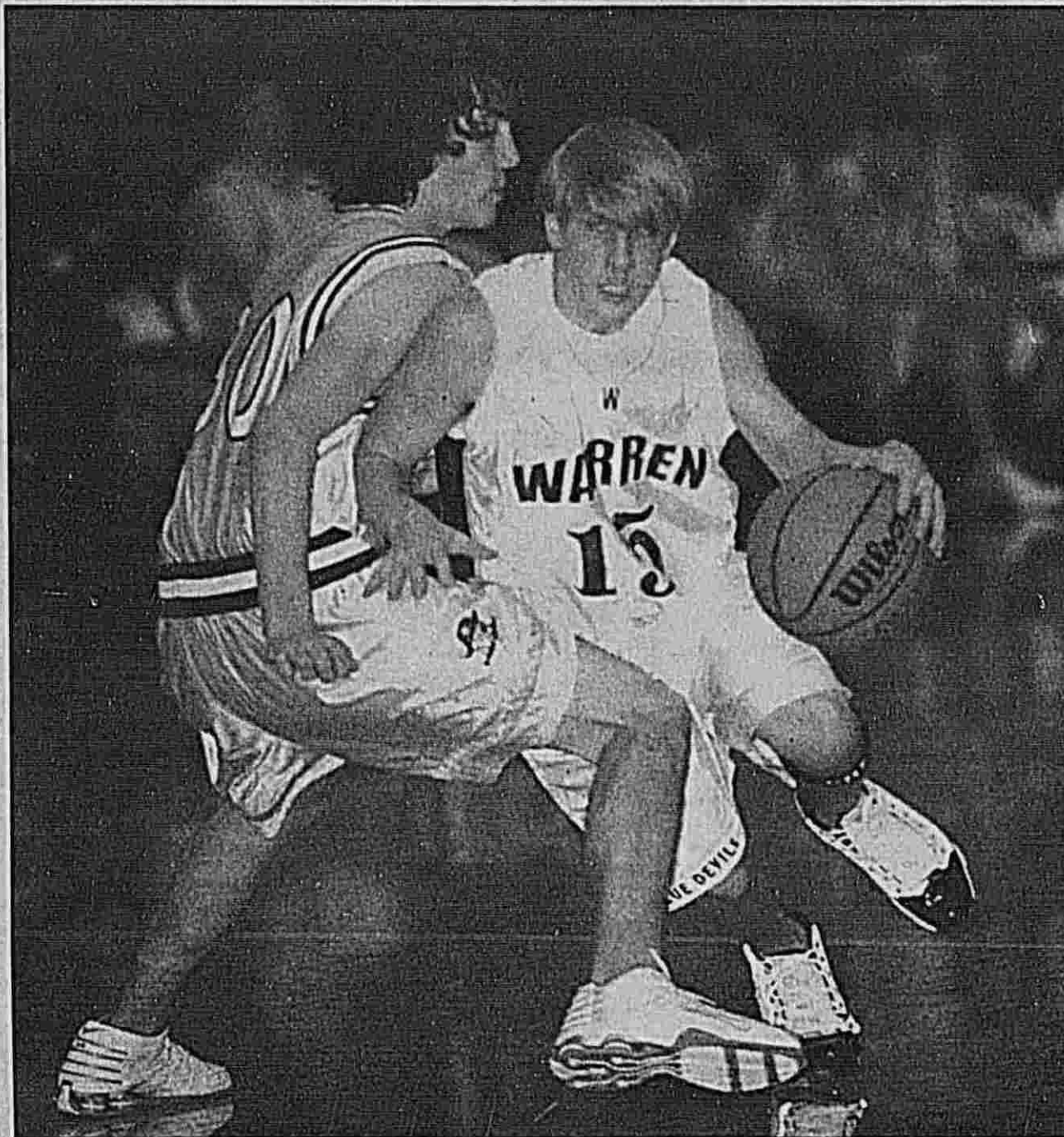


Photo by Candace H. Johnson

Warren Township High School's Ricky Green drives toward the basket during a 84-15 win for the Blue Devils over Carmel High School during the Waukegan High School Thanksgiving Tournament.

Warren got going early, holding a 17-4 lead after the opening quarter and a 29-13 lead at halftime and never relinquished the lead. After Lewis, who finished with 12 points, hit a three-pointer to open the fourth quarter, which gave the Devils a 48-17 lead, the running clock rule came into effect.

"We had a good start and went from there," Ramsey said. "The defense did a good job pressing the ball and not letting them run their offense the way they wanted to."

Once again, the Devils' defense was at the forefront, forcing 19 Fremd turnovers, against just nine on their half of the court. Marvin Bemby, who also chipped in 10 points, was integral in that attack, blanketing Fremd star Richard Kolze throughout much of the game.

"We were moving the ball around well; we just all played together," said Clark, who finished with 12 points and four rebounds. "And we were all working hard on defense, which was our main goal."

Ramsey was elated with his team's start,

saying: "The kids played well together. They played good defense, we didn't have many turnovers and they shot the ball very well."

Warren will take the floor for its home opener Dec. 3 against Mundelein. A ceremony for the late George Ron Krapf is planned before tip-off, which is slated for 7:30 p.m.—Steve Peterson contributed to this report

GIRLS BASKETBALL

With All-Tournament performances from TK LaFleur, Melanie Duplessis and Sarah Boothe, Warren ran the table with a 4-0 mark to win the title at the Bison Classic last Saturday.

The Devils defeated the host Bison 58-41 in the title game behind a team-high 14 points from LaFleur, 8 points and 5 boards from Duplessis and 12 points and 10 rebounds from Boothe.

Warren then followed that up with a 51-16 drubbing of Round Lake on Tuesday. LaFleur led the Devils with 19 points, while Boothe chipped in with 8.

PREP PROFILES



Marvin Bemby

It was nearing the end of the third quarter and Fremd needed a big basket to get some sort of momentum against Warren.

Star player Richard Kolze was trying everything he could to get a shot off, but there was just one problem—he had to get past Warren's Marvin Bemby.

Like the rest of the game, though, he couldn't. Instead throwing up a wild heave at the buzzer that ricocheted off the backboard. And Bemby loved it.

"I take a lot of pride in my defense," the 6-foot junior said. "Even as a little kid I didn't want my man scoring on me. It's almost a personal thing."

Bemby had better get used to facing the best the opposition has to offer.

"He's our best on-the-ball defender," Warren coach Chuck Ramsey said. "He's quick, strong and motivated to play good defense."

What about the offense, coach?

"He's a really strong driver,"

Ramsey said of Bemby, who averaged 7 points per game as a sophomore. "And his jump shot has really improved since last year."

The secret to the improved jumper, according to Bemby, was simple.

"Me and Jordan (Dalton) made it an emphasis to improve our shots over the summer because we both drive to the basket so well," Bemby said. "So we spent three or four hours a day shooting."

Bemby and Dalton also have something else in common.

"They're both very vocal," Ramsey said. "Marvin is a natural leader. He's very intelligent; he knows what should be said and when."

Of course, it's easy to lead the team when you're best friends like Dalton and Bemby.

"I got to learn how to be a leader last year from Casey (Pond), so Jordan and I are trying to step up," Bemby said.—By Rob Backus

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WAUCONDA

"We've just been real inconsistent and sometimes we lose our focus."

Tim Bartusch
Wauconda girls' basketball coach

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Bulldogs drop NSC crossover to Antioch

By Steve Peterson
Sports Reporterr

We've just been real inconsistent and sometimes we lose our focus. We will have one position that we work the ball well and get a good look, but then we will have a possession or two when we did not get any looks at all," said Wauconda girls' basketball coach Tim Bartusch.

The Bulldogs had a 10-6 lead early against Antioch this snowy Tuesday. A layup by Krista Llewellyn after a fake and a drive to the basket by Kirsten Kraus provided the margin six minutes into the game.

Antioch used superior height and seven three-pointers and had three players reach double figures. The result was a 63-21 loss for the Bulldogs.

Antioch took a 13-10 lead on an outside shot by Loren Scarbrough and outscored Wauconda 52-11 the rest of the way.

Holly Roberts, a junior, led Antioch with 12 points.

"We're a young team and we saw some good teams at Dundee-Crown (0-3 tourney for Antioch). We wanted them not to lose faith. We knew that we were not a pound-it-inside team this year, but our mindset is to shoot and pass the ball," said ACHS coach Don Zeman.

On the other side, Coach Bartusch knows one of the Bulldogs things to work on soon.

"At times we do have an Achilles heel—an inability to box out. We know that and show them on the film," Bartusch said.

Kraus, Llewellyn, Jessie Middlesworth and Ali Dorsey (6 points) are the known factors in the starting lineup. Llewellyn and Kraus had 6 and 4 points each against Antioch.

"We need some help off the bench and someone to take that fifth starter's role," Bartusch said.

Dorsey, a senior forward, has been playing well of late. "She understands what it is that we are trying to do," Bartusch said.

The Bulldogs did have a better effort in a 41-32 loss to Richmond-Burton. Llewellyn had "her best game of the year," Bartusch said.

Wauconda hosts Glenbard East then hopes to get back on a bright note when it hosts Round Lake to start division play at 2:30 p.m. Dec. 4.

WRESTLING

Nick and Neal Swanson, after a successful soccer season, started the wrestling season off on a bright note.

Nick Swanson was fourth at 125 pounds and Neal Swanson ended fourth at 130 pounds at the Barrington tournament. WHS had 62.5 total team points.

"We only had one place last year, so that is an improvement, but it is not where we want to be as program," said WHS coach Tom Nance.

Andrew Baker finished in eighth place at 189 pounds.

Nance was pleased with his team's show-

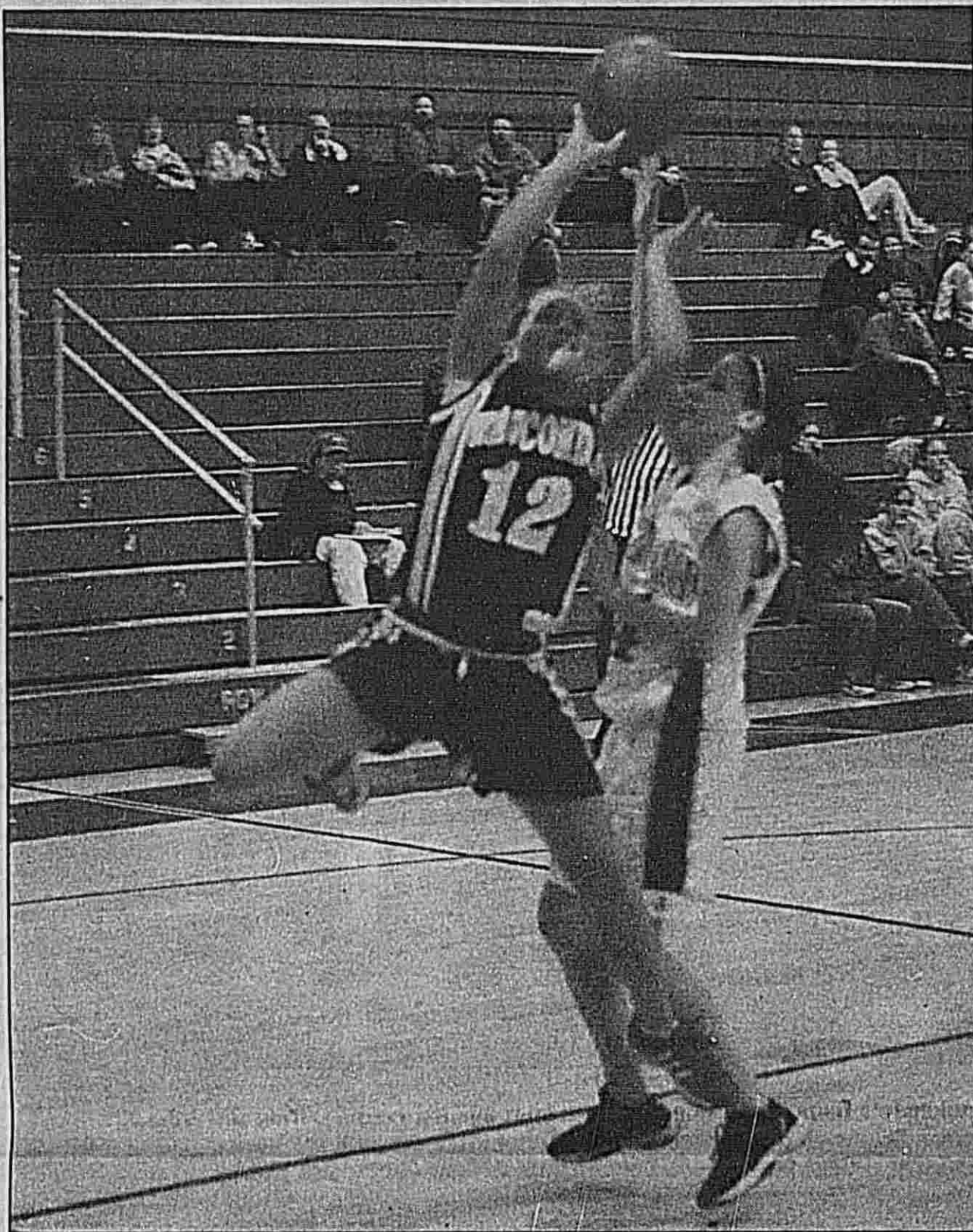


Photo by Steve Young

Wauconda High School's Krista Llewellyn takes a shot in a 61-21 loss to Antioch on Tuesday.

ing at the first dual meets, against Waukegan and Niles West. "We only had nine of 14 places filled, but both meets went down to the wire," Nance said.

Nance said the coaching staff arrangement is working out well. Retired WHS principal Bob Kenison has joined the varsity staff. "I worked with Tim Rennels for 20 years, we almost read each other's minds, but working with Bob has worked out great," Nance said.

Wauconda hosts Round Lake in a key NSC showdown on Dec. 3. WHS was second to Grant in the division last year.

"If we are to finish second again, then we will have to beat Round Lake. It has been close between us for the last couple of years."

John Champion at 160 and Tom O'Driscoll at 130 will be welcomed to the lineup.

WHS is at the Evanston Quad Dec. 4 with Elgin and Crystal Lake Central. "Our goal is to

win three of four matches this week and be over .500," Nance said.

NSC ALL-ACADEMIC ATHLETES

Cross Country: Brendan Colson, Katie Ellis, Anette Hansen, Shannon Kimes, Kyle Knee, Samantha Pancamo, Bianca Cusimano
Volleyball: Christy Lenzen, Samantha Miller, Tatiana Batson, Desiree Florek, Sara Maness, Jessica Middlesworth, Jessica Schwarz, Kristina Schafer

Girls Tennis: Courtney Mikelski, Karen Pinkonsky, Ariel Cassaday, Danielle Cunningham, Amber Likens, Joti Mangot

Boys Soccer: Jacon Hines, Bryan Baird, Anthony Santella

Cheerleading: Erin Grimm, Jessy Niemi, Kelly Spence, Lauren Robbin, Katie Schlaffer

Dance: Lauren Robbin, Katie Schlaffer
Golf: Ryan Matesi, Manahan

PREPFILES



Kris Gerhke

Sometimes it takes football players a while to gain their "basketball legs."

Getting the shot down, running the offense, playing hard on defense.

Wauconda's Kris Gerhke, a 6-foot-3-inch junior forward, was an exception to that rule. He sank a perimeter jump shot on a cross-court pass from Tim Ryan for a 48-47 win for Wauconda over Grant at Johnsborg's Thanksgiving tournament.

"We kept on looking for someone who was open, and Tim got the ball to me. I was wide open," Gerhke said.

Ironically, it was Gerhke's only basket of the night, but it made the difference between winning and losing.

Wauconda gained the .500 mark with the win at 1-1. Gerhke was last seen, before last week, catching passes from WHS QB Andrew Baker, who is now on the wrestling team. Gerhke said he felt stronger heading into basketball season.

"It was huge," said Hawk Haiduke of the win, which came complete with a post-game celebration. WHS lost three times to Grant last year.

"Kris is our best defender on the team. He will be asked to guard one of the other team's best players," said WHS Coach Rich Wolf.

Gerhke tallied seven points in a two-point loss to Marian Central.

Wolf said the team "played well for three and one-half quarters. We bounced back after the loss to Johnsborg."

"The players talked about coming out strong after the Johnsborg game," Wolf said. "After the first two or three possessions (Grant led 12-2 after one) it looked like, here we go again, but we regrouped. We played with intensity for three and one-half quarters."

Changing to a man-to-man defense sparked WHS, which still trailed 19-16 at halftime and by three entering the fourth quarter. —By Steve Peterso



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"Even if we would have won I would not have called it a good game in the second half. People were watching (senior forward Emanuel) Gaiter."

Brian Colbert
Waukegan boys' basketball coach



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Bulldogs can't hold on against Warren

By Nicholas Alajakis

Sports Reporter

The adversity of playing with two head coaches over the weekend didn't affect them, but eventually the fatigue of playing three games in four days set in, as Waukegan failed to hold off Warren on its way to a second place finish in their own Thanksgiving tournament.

The Bulldogs took a 33-27 lead into the half in a much-anticipated rematch of last season's sectional final, but when Warren came out hot in the second half, they were in trouble. They eventually lost 69-60.

"The team lost momentum and fell apart," said coach Brian Colbert. Waukegan failed to grab rebounds and had nearly four times as many fouls (22) as Warren (six).

"Even if we would have won I would not have called it a good game in the second half," Colbert said. "People were watching (Emanuel) Gaiter."

And Gaiter did put on quite a show, taking the team on his shoulders in the second half, as he scored a team-high 25 points.

LaRon Frazier has 16 points and Ben Vega, coming off an injury sustained the day before, added nine.

But the credit, Colbert said, goes to Warren.

"We did not take advantage of the size advantage," Colbert said. "To their credit they did not give up."

The slip up against Warren was Waukegan's only hiccup on the long weekend. With Colbert serving a two game suspension for violating Illinois High School Association rules concerning early practices, Waukegan defeated Palatine-Fremd and Carmel.

Against Fremd on Nov. 24, with Gene Head at the helm, Waukegan overcame a third quarter deficit to win 50-46. In that game Frazier had 19 points and Gaiter added 22.

Two nights later the Bulldogs jumped all over Carmel on their way to a 72-27 victory. The first half was highlighted by streaky play from Frazier (22 points) and senior Dexter Landry (19). Gaiter overcame a sloppy first half on his way to score 18 points.

Frazier finished the tournament with nine three-pointers.

Head said he was proud of the way his team was able to play in the absence of their head coach.

"Not difficult to motivate them at all," Head said. "They played well."

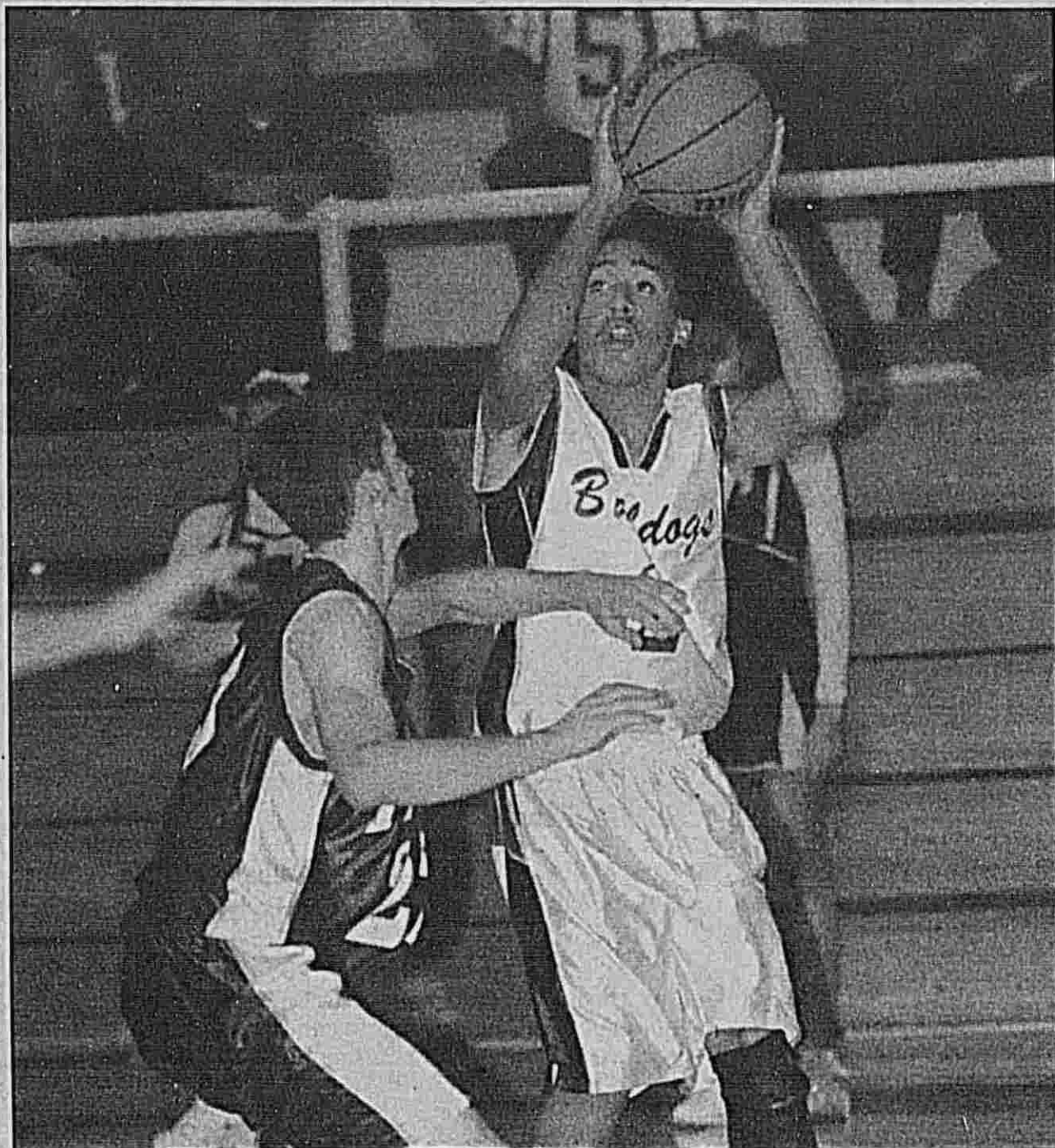
WRESTLING

Looking at their early-season schedule, Waukegan wrestling coach Steve Welter can only let out a small laugh.

"It's really tough," Welter said. But nearly three quarters through the toughest part, his team, loaded with injuries, has been holding up well, Welter said.

The team opened the season by splitting matches against Warren and Wauconda. Then on Nov. 24, they lost 51-15 to a tough Libertyville team.

Jon Duffie (112), Dennis Walsh (215) and



Waukegan's Dana Sibert goes up for a shot against Fremd during the Waukegan High School Thanksgiving Tournament.

Photo by Candace H. Johnson

Antweione Miller (135) were winners for the Bulldogs in the match. Joe Leccesi won a forfeited match at the heavyweight level.

Last weekend they participated in the strong Barrington Invitational, where they took 15 out of 32 teams.

Placing for Waukegan was Israel Figueroa (145), who took second, Jon Duffie, who took eight and Leccesi, who took fourth. Todd Sorensen (135) was second away from a semi-final appearance, but an injury cost him a match.

And if the Sorensen's injury isn't enough, Figueroa and Walsh are also hurting, Welter said.

The wrestlers won't get too much time to rest, as they host state-powers Glenbard North and Grant, along with Stevenson this weekend.

"It's not easy. We always have a rough start," Welter said. "We'll put it all together by the end."

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Close games, followed by a blowout, followed by high scoring, followed by low scoring. Waukegan's girls had it all in their

Thanksgiving Tournament at Deerfield.

The girls finished the tournament 1-4. The team beat North Chicago 71-63, but never scored near that many points again.

The team struggled at times, said coach Colette Erbach.

Over the weekend they played Glenbrook North and Highland Park close, but in between those games, Deerfield and Zion blew them out.

On Tuesday they got a rematch against Highland Park, and going into the game Erbach said she thought the teams matched up well. But Waukegan's dismal shooting continued, and they lost 36-27. Ironically, the team is also shooting 27 percent from the field this season.

Sierra Shipley led the team with 12 points against Highland Park. Chaquinita Bryant added nine.

The team executes play well, Erbach said, they just can't finish them.

"But the girls are playing hard. They will not back down," she added.

This week Waukegan (1-6) begins conference play with games against Maine South and Evanston.

PREPFILES



LaRon Frazier

Waukegan basketball coach Brian Colbert said he credits two players for the recent turnaround of the Bulldog basketball program.

The first-team, all-state candidate forward Emanuel Gaiter is an obvious pick. But lesser-known guard LaRon Frazier is just as instrumental, Colbert said.

A varsity starter since his freshman season, when he was only 5-6, Frazier, now 6-1, has used quickness and deadly shooting to make him one of the top players around as well. And he's not without his share of accomplishments either.

"What people may not know about LaRon, is that he has the opportunity to be one of the top scorers in school history," Colbert said. "He may be overlooked by other people, but he's not overlooked by me. He brings a lot of leadership to the team. He is one of the best players in the conference."

What Frazier may not realize, Colbert said, is that he is given a lot of credit by opposing coaches as well. And those who do overlook him may be making a mistake. Frazier has been an all-conference selection the past two years, and just three games into this season, he is showing why.

Frazier averaged 19 points in the Bulldogs (2-1) first three games. And he's just getting started, he said, as he anticipates the rest of the season.

The points and individual accomplishments will come as they have in the past, Frazier said. What's important to him however, is playing well as a team, and making it to the state finals.

With talented teammates—not on his own—Frazier said he thinks that is an obtainable goal.

And if opponents choose to leave him open and not respect him, that's OK, he says.

"I just makes me play harder," Frazier said. "I know I can play that's all that matters."

And he's not alone in that opinion any more.—By Nicholas Alajakis

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"We're trying too hard instead of relaxing and letting the game come to us."

Bill Braman
CLC women's basketball coach

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Lancers searching for answers

By Matt Pera

Sports Reporter

The disappointment in the voice of College of Lake County women's basketball coach Bill Braman said even more than his words.

"I can't explain it," he said. "I'm completely shocked by it."

What dismays him so much is a facet of the game that can drive any coach to frustration—turnovers.

The problem has haunted the Lancers all season long and their game against Wilbur Wright College Nov. 30 was no different, as they turned the ball over 30 times en route to a 67-56 loss.

The defeat dropped the Lancers to 0-6 on the season; a record which Braman said may be causing the team to panic a little bit.

"I thought we had two strengths coming into the season—our ability to shoot the ball and our ball handling," he said. "And what is happening is I think it's pressure now. We're trying too hard instead of relaxing and letting the game come to us."

At halftime, CLC was down 33-28 and still very much in the game.

But the Lancers again looked rushed on offense and the Rams went on a 16-2 run in the first five minutes of the second half to build a 16-point lead.

"It was a series of turnovers again and I can't put my finger on it," Braman said. "Certainly we try to work on not making turnovers but it's a problem we haven't been able to overcome."

CLC did respond with a run of their own behind freshman guard Jessica Piasecki, who led the Lancers with 11 points in the contest, trimming the lead to 12 at 53-41.

But Wright would not let them trim the lead down to single-digits, as Rams freshman guard Monica Rice poured in 30 points, 14 of which came in the second half.

Wright sophomore guard Lynda Pain wasn't far behind her teammate, contributing 21 points in the contest.

Piasecki said the Lancers' turnover issues can be chalked up, in large part, to the team's current mentality.

"I think we rush through things and I think it's just really mental mistakes," she said. "We're not looking before we pass it or we're not sure if the pass is going to go through but we'll throw it anyway."

The Lancers frontcourt duo of freshman



Photo by John Dickson

Gwenette Jamerson dives for the ball in vain during the College of Lake County Women's Basketball game against Wilbur Wright College. The Lady Lancers lost the game 67-56.

Gwenette Jamerson and sophomore Kristin Poglayan also contributed nine points apiece.

Piasecki said the team's turnover problems should improve once they settle down and get their first win.

"We're so eager to win and we want to win so bad that we're rushing and not taking our time and making sure it's the right pass or it's the right shot," she said. "We need to take our time and slow things and just play our game how we know how to play and hopefully we'll come out with a victory."

WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

College of Lake County sophomore outside hitter Lindsey Gruber was recently named to the 2004 National Junior College Athletic Association Div. II Volleyball All-American Second Team.

The Lancers' co-captain led her team to a 33-12 record this season with 445 kills and 551 total points. She also shattered CLC's record book with 861 kills and 1,050 total points for her career.

Gruber was also named to the All-Region

IV and All-Skyway Conference teams after the Lancers' season ended with a tough 3-1 loss to Kankakee Community College in the regional championship Nov. 6.

MEN'S BASKETBALL

The College of Lake County men's basketball team is off to one of its hottest starts in school history after beating Joliet 99-89 Nov. 30.

The non-conference win moved the Lancers to 9-0 on the season and helped solidify their spot as one of the top junior college squads in the country. In this week's NJCAA poll, CLC was ranked No. 5 nationally.

Sophomore forward Kenny Saunders, who notched 28 points and nine rebounds, led the Lancers in their most recent win against Joliet.

Sophomore guard Marlon Cobb scored 19 points and sophomore forward Erin McMillan dropped in 14 as well.

CLC will next travel across the state line to take on the University of Wisconsin-Fond du Lac Dec. 3.

PROFILES



Jessica Piasecki

Things have been a little bit different for Jessica Piasecki this year. Last season she was a senior starting guard on the super-sectional champion Grayslake girls basketball team that won 30 games en route to the IHSA Elite Eight.

On that team, her role often was to find the open teammate and distribute the ball.

But this season, as a freshman on the College of Lake County women's basketball team, things have been a little different.

The Lancers have struggled to a 0-6 start this season and Piasecki has been thrust into more of a shooting role.

She acknowledged it has been a challenge, but said she worked hard on her scoring ability in the off-season.

"(CLC head coach Bill Braman) had talked to me earlier and he wanted me to be a shooter so I kind of worked on my shot, which has been a big help to me," she said.

Braman said Piasecki has been one of the team leaders so far this season, despite her freshman status, adding that she has maintained her poise in the face of a rough start for the Lancers.

"She's very, very steady out there," he said. "That's what makes her so extremely valuable. She rebounds quite well for her size and she's one of those who has not gotten into a panic-mode yet."

Piasecki said playing on such a strong Grayslake team last season has helped her keep her composure in the early going for CLC. She added that she has tried to encourage the same winning mentality the Rams had last season on the Lancers.

"We went down to state last year and I came from a really good team," she said. "So I try to take some of those qualities from that other team to (CLC)." —By Matt Pera

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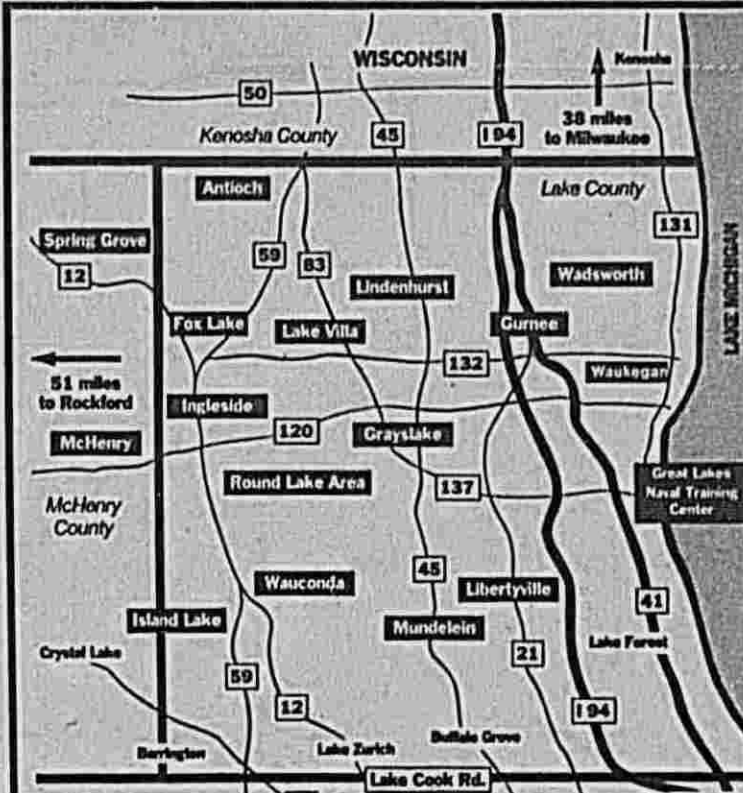
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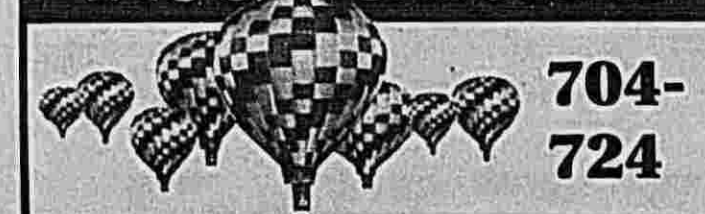
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130 Auctions

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Desirable Character Traits or Unrevealed Nuisance.
By Scott T. Fleischmann

Many of us do not see our most irritating behaviors. In fact, they may appear to be our strongest qualities. But our managers, peers, vendors and customers may have a different perception.

Striving for perfection, candor, persistence and a positive disposition are normally seen as positive traits. As with many values, when they are taken to an extreme, they may irritate others. Our greatest strengths may become our greatest weakness.

Perfection
It is admirable to work to develop skills and to attempt to use them to the greatest degree possible. However, those who seek perfection in themselves often seek to also make others perfect. Some of those people may have other priorities.

Also, in every business there is a profit point on the products and services offered. That is the point where the item becomes rewarding. Although there may be room for improvement of the product or service, it may not be lucrative to create the perfect product. Customers are seldom willing to pay for perfection. Those who harp about improving the product may see those actions as being in the best interest of the company. Others may see it as a relentless pursuit of an irrational goal.

Candor
We have all heard people say that they appreciate candor. Yet, when that candor is biting, demonstrative or publicly pointed at the fault of another, it is seldom appreciated by the person to whom it is directed. Candor is appreciated when it is done with the utmost concern for the person to whom it is directed. In the work environment, criticism of a project, process or policy may be taken personally by the leader in that area.

Those who are disturbed by an issue need to handle the situation privately with the person involved. Ask questions rather than give answers. Ask, "What is the goal of the project (process or policy)?" rather than making a negative statement about it. Volunteer to help if there is additional work to be done. Walk alongside those who are making the decisions. Do not criticize.

Persistence
As you might guess this admirable value may be seen as nagging or inappropriate infringement. There is a fine line between germane diligence and behavior that offends others. Check with the people involved to gain an understanding their perception of your zeal. Honesty is often the best policy. Tell them that you struggle with the balance between persistence and pestering. With clients I often use a phrase like "I want to serve you as diligently as possible. Yet, I do not want to nag. When should I contact you next?" That gives them the opportunity to give guidance.

Even those with a consistently positive disposition need to be multi-dimensional enough share in the sorrow of others, console friends and function in times of hardship. Being balanced is the key to every admirable trait. Spending time evaluating them and modifying offensive behaviors makes us more desirable as employees.

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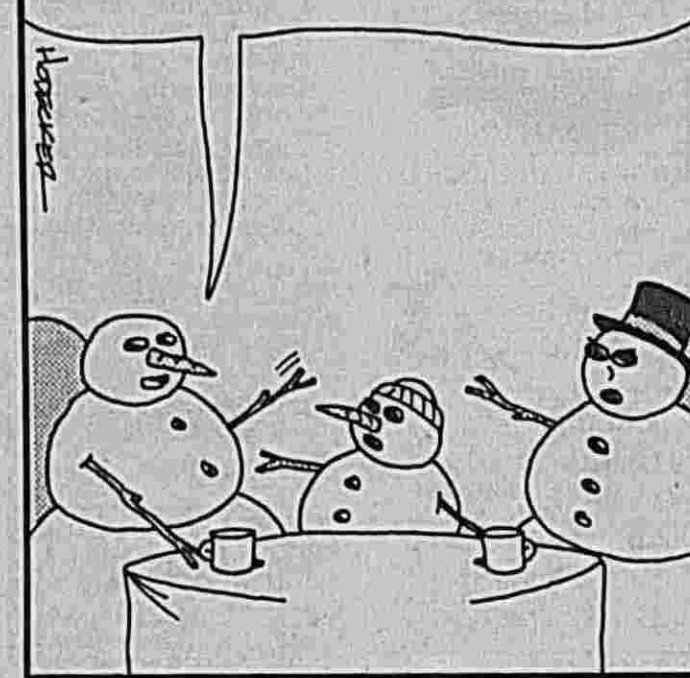
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NAME OF BUSINESS:
D & G Custom Engine Detailing
ORIGINAL DATE FILED:
12/23/03
STATE OF ILLINOIS
COUNTY OF LAKE)

This is to certify that the person(s) listed below has/have ceased doing business under the assumed name or has/have no further connection or financial interest in said business. Withdrawal shall be effective 11/23/04.
George Haynal
25196 Wayside Pl.
Lake Villa, ILL. 60046
(847)587-0575.

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me by the person(s) withdrawing from the business this 23rd day of November 2004.

OFFICIAL SEAL
/s/Adriana Lomeli
Notary Public
Received: Nov. 23, 2004
Willard R. Holander
Lake County Clerk
1203A-6933-LV
December 3, 10, 17, 2004

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Affordable Self Storage will dispose of goods for non-payment from:
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1126D-6912-FL
November 26, 2004
December 3, 2004

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

November 2, 2004
Defendant Katrina Shaul, whose last known place of residence is 22045 W. Cedar Lane, Antioch, ILL. 60002, otherwise the place of residence being unknown, will take notice that on (May 28, 2004), Plaintiff, Jeffery M. Shaul, filed for Divorce proceedings in the Court of Common Pleas Court of Seneca County, Ohio. The Defendant named above is required to answer on or before the expiration of forty-two (42) days of this publication. (Of date above).

Case number: 04DR0145
Judge: Michael P. Kelbley

Jeffery M. Shaul
127 Ella St.
Tiffin, OH. 44883

1105A-6892-AN
Nov. 5, 12, 19, 26, 2004
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December 3, 10, 2004

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**ASSUMED BUSINESS
NAME application**
NAME OF BUSINESS:
Changing Seasons Heating & Air Conditioning
NATURE/PURPOSE:
HVAC Services
ADDRESS(ES) WHERE
BUSINESS IS TO BE
CONDUCTED OR TRANS-
ACTED IN THIS COUNTY:
720 White Birch Lane, Lake Zurich, IL 60047, (847)726-6907.

NAME(S) AND POST
OFFICE OR RESIDENCE
ADDRESS(ES) OF THE
PERSON(S) OWNING,
CONDUCTING OR
TRANSACTING BUSINESS
Chris Dempsey, 720 White Birch Lane, Lake Zurich, IL 60047, (847) 366-9458.
STATE OF ILLINOIS
COUNTY OF LAKE)

This is to certify that the undersigned intend(s) to conduct the above named business from the location(s) indicated and that the true and legal full name(s) of the person(s) owning, conducting or transacting the business is/are correct as shown.

/s/ Chris Dempsey
/s/ Beata Dempsey
Nov. 10, 2004

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me by the person(s) intending to conduct the business this 10th. day of November 2004.

OFFICIAL SEAL
/s/Thomas Paul Zander
Notary Public
Received: Nov. 10, 2004
Willard R. Holander
Lake County Clerk
1119C-6903-VL
November 19, 26, 2004
December 3, 2004

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NAME application**
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Just-In Time Motor Service
NATURE/PURPOSE:
Transport property owned by others for compensation
ADDRESS(ES) WHERE
BUSINESS IS TO BE
CONDUCTED OR TRANS-
ACTED IN THIS COUNTY:
37 Riverview Ave., Fox Lake, IL 60020, (847)973-1816.
NAME(S) AND POST
OFFICE OR RESIDENCE
ADDRESS(ES) OF THE
PERSON(S) OWNING,
CONDUCTING OR
TRANSACTING BUSINESS
Theresa G., Daniel A. Wilkins,
37 Riverview Ave., Fox Lake, IL 60020, (847)973-1816.
STATE OF ILLINOIS
COUNTY OF LAKE)

This is to certify that the undersigned intend(s) to conduct the above named business from the location(s) indicated and that the true and legal full name(s) of the person(s) owning, conducting or transacting the business is/are correct as shown.

/s/ Theresa G. Wilkins
/s/ Daniel A. Wilkins
Nov. 4, 2004

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me by the person(s) intending to conduct the business this 4th. day of November 2004.

OFFICIAL SEAL
/s/Jamie L. Hodges
Notary Public
Received: Nov. 8, 2004
Willard R. Holander
Lake County Clerk
1119C-6907-FL
November 19, 26, 2004
December 3, 2004

PUBLIC NOTICE

**ASSUMED BUSINESS
NAME application**

NAME OF BUSINESS:
Sixto Robles, Jr. d/b/a/ Selbor Construction and Management

NATURE/PURPOSE:
Real Estate Investments
ADDRESS(ES) WHERE
BUSINESS IS TO BE
CONDUCTED OR TRANS-
ACTED IN THIS COUNTY:
817 W. Grand Ave., Waukegan, IL 60085, (847) 652-1073, P.O. Box 421, Gurnee, IL 60031.

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PERSON(S) OWNING,
CONDUCTING OR
TRANSACTING BUSINESS
Sixto Robles, Jr., 1167 Lamb Ln., Gurnee, IL 60031, (847)360-9985.
STATE OF ILLINOIS
COUNTY OF LAKE)

This is to certify that the undersigned intend(s) to conduct the above named business from the location(s) indicated and that the true and legal full name(s) of the person(s) owning, conducting or transacting the business is/are correct as shown.

/s/ Sixto Robles, Jr.
Nov. 4, 2004
The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me by the person(s) intending to conduct the business this 4th. day of November 2004.

OFFICIAL SEAL
/s/Adriana Lomeli
Notary Public
Received: Nov. 4, 2004
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Lake County Clerk
1119C-6908-GP
November 19, 26, 2004
December 3, 2004

PUBLIC NOTICE

**ASSUMED BUSINESS
NAME application**

NAME OF BUSINESS:
Paris Nail Spa
NATURE/PURPOSE:
Nail Salon
ADDRESS(ES) WHERE
BUSINESS IS TO BE
CONDUCTED OR TRANS-
ACTED IN THIS COUNTY:
3070 W. Route 60, Suite A8, Mundelein, IL 60060.

NAME(S) AND POST
OFFICE OR RESIDENCE
ADDRESS(ES) OF THE
PERSON(S) OWNING,
CONDUCTING OR
TRANSACTING BUSINESS
Bachlie Huynh, 4514 W. Forest Ave., Waukegan, IL 60085, (847)623-2853.
STATE OF ILLINOIS
COUNTY OF LAKE)

This is to certify that the undersigned intend(s) to conduct the above named business from the location(s) indicated and that the true and legal full name(s) of the person(s) owning, conducting

/s/ Dan. Dohnalek
Nov. 10, 2004
The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me by the person(s) intending to conduct the business this 10th. day of November 2004.

OFFICIAL SEAL
/s/Judy C. Moloney
Notary Public
Received: Nov. 17, 2004
Willard R. Holander
Lake County Clerk
1126D-6920-WL
November 26, 2004
December 3, 10, 2004

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or transacting the business is/are correct as shown.

/s/ Bachlie Huynh
November 16, 2004

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me by the person(s) intending to conduct the business this 16th day of November 2004.

OFFICIAL SEAL
/s/Roger W. Vorne
Notary Public
Received: Nov. 16, 2004
Willard R. Holander
Lake County Clerk
1126D-6918-MN
November 26, 2004
December 3, 10, 2004

PUBLIC NOTICE

**ASSUMED BUSINESS
NAME application**

NAME OF BUSINESS:
VHS4DVD

NATURE/PURPOSE:
DVD Products & Services
ADDRESS(ES) WHERE
BUSINESS IS TO BE
CONDUCTED OR TRANS-
ACTED IN THIS COUNTY:
1005 Grant Pl., Wauconda, IL 60084, (847)526-5691.

NAME(S) AND POST
OFFICE OR RESIDENCE
ADDRESS(ES) OF THE
PERSON(S) OWNING,
CONDUCTING OR
TRANSACTING BUSINESS
Dawn, Kevin Kent, 1005 Grant Pl., Wauconda, IL 60084, (847)526-5691.

STATE OF ILLINOIS
COUNTY OF LAKE)
This is to certify that the undersigned intend(s) to conduct the above named business from the location(s) indicated and that the true and legal full name(s) of the person(s) owning, conducting or transacting the business is/are correct as shown.

/s/ Dawn Kent
/s/ Kevin Kent
Nov. 21, 2004
The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me by the person(s) intending to conduct the business this 22nd day of November 2004.

OFFICIAL SEAL
/s/Nancy Luna
Notary Public
Received: Nov. 22, 2004
Willard R. Holander
Lake County Clerk
1126D-6919-WL
November 26, 2004
December 3, 10, 2004

PUBLIC NOTICE

**ASSUMED BUSINESS
NAME application**

NAME OF BUSINESS:
3-D Dental Service

NATURE/PURPOSE:
Dentistry

ADDRESS(ES) WHERE
BUSINESS IS TO BE
CONDUCTED OR TRANS-
ACTED IN THIS COUNTY:
48 S. Old Rand Rd., Lake Zurich, IL 60047, (847) 438-6485, 11 Nippersink Blvd., Fox Lake, IL 60020, (847) 587-5053.

NAME(S) AND POST
OFFICE OR RESIDENCE
ADDRESS(ES) OF THE
PERSON(S) OWNING,
CONDUCTING OR
TRANSACTING BUSINESS
Dan Dohnalek, DDS, 325 Ahwahnee Rd., Lake Forest, IL 60045, (847)615-0060.

STATE OF ILLINOIS
COUNTY OF LAKE)
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/s/ Dan. Dohnalek
Nov. 10, 2004
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/s/Judy C. Moloney
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ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR PUBLICATION 2003-04

Area of District 11 sq.mi.; Attendance Centers 2; Full Time Certified Employees 79; Part Time Certified Employees 1; Full Time Non-Certified Employees 39; Part Time Non-Certified Employees 6; Average Daily Attendance 862.

ENROLLMENT: PS 82; KDG 93; 1st 108; 2nd 74; 3rd 104; 4th 92; 5th 82; 6th 97; 7th 89; 8th 102; Special 10; TOTAL 933.

TAX RATE BY FUND IN %: Educational 1.8010; Operation & Maintenance 0.2450; Bond & Interest 0.3280; Transportation 0.0250; IMRF 0.0330; Social Security 0.0450; Tort Immunity 0.0220; Special Education 0.0200; District Assessed Valuation \$196,277,492; Assessed Valuation \$277,700; Total Bonded Indebtedness \$10,214,463; Percent of Bonding Power Obligated Currently 76.57%.

ASSETS: Land \$156,550; Building \$14,615,286; Equipment 2,117,603. CURRENT ASSETS BY FUNDS: Education \$991,084; Operations/Maintenance \$99,002; Bond and Interest \$496,827; Transportation \$117,518; Municipal Retirement/Social Security \$45,760; Site & Construction/Capital Improvement \$250,773; Working Cash \$2,181,144; Fire & Prevention Safety \$1,194,696. INVESTMENTS BY FUND: None. TOTAL LIABILITIES: Education \$1,875,000; Operation & Maintenance \$300,000; UNESERVED FUND BALANCE: Education <\$883,916>; Operation & Maintenance <\$200,998>; Bond and Interest \$496,827; Transportation \$117,518; Municipal Retirement/Social Security \$45,760; Site and Const./Capital Improvement \$250,773; Working Cash \$2,181,144. TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE: Education \$991,084; Operation & Maintenance \$99,002; Bond and Interest \$496,827; Transportation \$117,518; Municipal Retirement/Social Security \$45,760; Site and Construction/ Capital Improvement \$250,773 Working Cash \$2,181,144 Fire Prevention & Safety \$1,194,696.

REVENUES/RECEIPTS: LOCAL SOURCES: Education \$4,212,173; Operations and Maintenance \$684,756; Bond and Interest \$720,226; Transportation \$121,495; Municipal Retire./Social Security \$178,761; Site and Construction/Capital Improvement \$3,323; Working Cash \$77; Fire Prevention & Safety \$1,249. FLOW THROUGH REVENUE FROM OTHER DISTRICTS: \$0. STATE SOURCES: Education \$1,132,417; Transportation \$306,579. FEDERAL SOURCES: Education \$332,064. ON BEHALF PAYMENTS: Education \$470,819. TOTAL RECEIPTS: Education \$6,147,473; Operation and Maintenance \$684,756; Bond & Interest \$720,226; Transportation \$428,074; Municipal Retirement/Social Security \$178,761; Site and Construction/Capital Improvement \$3,323; Working Cash \$77; Fire Prevention & Safety \$1,249.

DISBURSEMENTS: INSTRUCTION: Education \$3,535,811; Municipal Retirement/Social Security \$49,172. SUPPORT SERVICES: Education \$1,539,293; Operations & Maintenance \$772,086; Transportation \$336,978; Municipal Retirement/Social Security \$104,537; Site and Construction/Capital Improvement \$195,986; Fire Prevention & Safety \$277,977. COMMUNITY SERVICES: Education \$20,396; Municipal Retirement/Social Security \$108. NON-PROGRAMMED CHARGES: Education \$188,024; Municipal Retirement & Social Security \$12,841.00. DEBT SERVICES: Operations & Maintenance \$9,374; Bond and Interest \$618,666. ON BEHALF PAYMENTS: Education \$470,819. TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS: Education \$5,754,343; Operations & Maintenance \$781,460; Bond & Interest \$618,666; Transportation \$366,978; Municipal Retirement/Social Security \$166,658; Site and Construction/Capital Improvement \$195,986; Fire Prevention & Safety \$277,977.

VENDOR LISTING \$1,000 AND OVER - 2003-04

8th Day Consulting 1,091; Academy Interiors, Inc. 3,216; ACM Elevator 5,659; Action Fence 7,145; Active Parenting 1,632; Advance Mechanical Contractors 17,404; After 5 Solutions 5,128; Allendale Association 9,938; Amazon.com 1,176; Amsan 23,709; Aramark Corporation 168,717; ASCD 1,067; Automatic Building Controls 6,198; Avalon Petroleum 17,698; Bank Financial 9,900; Bank One Trust Company 205,410; Bay 6 Consultants 1,544; Benny's Service Center, Inc. 27,732; Best Specialties 1,545; Blue Cross Blue Shield 438,169; Borchers, Kathy 1,199; Borders Book Store 1,518; Brian Berg & Associates, Ltd. 3,450; Bureau of Education & Research 1,183; C. J. Erickson Plumbing Company 2,599; Car-Min Construction 15,000; Casten Auto Body 1,181; Cat Catalini 1,000; CDW 36,556; Chancery Software Ltd. 2,663; Childcraft 1,963; Cimco Communications 24,263; CLIC 75,949; Comed 62,360; Community Consolidated School District #46 3,342; Consumers Coop Credit Union 72,402; Crystal Lake Tire & Battery 3,162; Cub Foods 1,744; Dell USA 2,266; Dick's Marine Service 3,137; Discount School Supply 3,481; Distinctive Signs 1,944; John Donnellan 2,237; E.D. Clark 1,710; Ecolab 3,420; Eder Casella & Co. 12,726; Education Association of Fox Lake 38,353; Educational Consortium for Telecommunications 1,510; Embassy Suites Chicago Downtown Lakefront 3,500; Equitable Life 7,045; Esche & Lee 10,000; Federal Supply 6,673; Firststar Bank of Illinois 553,248; Follett Education Services 2,333; Follett Library Resources 6,406; Follett Software Company 1,751; Fox lake Ace Hardware 1,667; Fox Lake Rotary Club 1,013; Fox lake School Dist. 114 65,498; Fox Valley Fire & Safety 3,443; Fred's Mobile 1,442; Goodman West Electric 1,690; Grant Community High School 1,010; Grounds for Play 50,000; Guitar Center 1,328; Harris Bank-Woodstock 54,374; Hodges Loizzi Eisenhammer 72,230; Gary Hoehne & Sons 4,025; Honeywell, Inc. 2,539; Honeywell, Inc. 161,277; Horace Mann Life Insurance 27,827; Horace Mann Insurance 18,259; Horace Mann Insurance Annuity 163,567; Horace Mann Insurance Dependent Care 2,045; Houghton Mifflin Company 3,761; Humana Dental 4,226; Humana Dental Corporation 52,211; Hyatt Hotel 1,100; I.E.A. Credit Union 8,400; I.M.R.F. 105,668; IASB 240; Illinois Assoc of School Administrators 1,093; IASB 14,133; Illinois Department of Revenue 91,129; Illinois Gas Cooperative 5,748; Internal Revenue Service 1,184; IPA 1,223; Jewel Food Store 1,900; Marie Johnson 1,500; Jones School Bus Service Inc. 111,255; Jostens Inc. 2,147; Kilco 6,000; L.C.E.S. 1,890; LaBonne Interiors, Inc. 3,963; Laidlaw Transit Inc. 7,998; Lake City Glass 2,412; Lake County Educational Service 4,271; Lake County Regional Office of Education 18,140; Lakeland Publishers, Inc. 1,135; Lakeshore Learning Materials 1,169; Langer Printing Company, Inc. 1,542; LaSalle Bank NA 408,093; LCES 1,000; Legat Architects 48,993; Loyola University Chicago 6,196; Macdonald Construction Services, Inc. 208,714; Maneval Construction 10,592; Marsh USA, Inc. 2,600; Maryville Academy 5,406; Menards 2,056; Eva Metcalf 1,278; MGT Trucking & Excavating 15,127; Linnea Michel \$2,468; Microsol/Shea PC 2,160; Midland Paper 9,098; Midwest Transit Equipment 40,065; Mitch's Greenthumb Landscaping 2,560; National School Products 1,717; National School Towel Service 3,600; Nelson Fire Protection 13,128; Nextel Communications 5,025; Nicor Gas 9,104; Novel, Inc. 1,301; Pars Ice Cream 1,367; Payne & Dolan 5,144; Pearson Education 12,014; Peoples Energy 58,721; PMA Leasing, Inc. 28,843; Porter Athletic Equipment Company 2,030; Postmaster 2,006; Premier 4,862; Psychological Corporation 1,324; Purchase Power 2,081; Quill Corporation 5,983; ReBurke 6,120; Reliance Communications, Inc. 6,081; Renaissance Learning 3,468; Renaissance Learning Inc. 4,009; Ridgeview Electric 5,188; Riverside Publishing co. 3,245; Ruffalo Painting Company 2,409; Sam's Club 4,620; SBC Ameritech 9,057; Scholastic Inc. 7,095; Scholastic Magazines 1,063; Scholastic Testing Service 8,947; School Specialty 16,808; Sandra Schrank 1,239; SDE Registrations 2,635; Seater Construction Company 14,111; SEDOL Lake Diagnostics Center 12,091; Shea's Iron Works 10,299; Sheryl Jedlinski 3,855; Sky Lodge 5,321; Skyward 1,496; Soil And Material Consultants 1,105; Special Education District 217,772; THIS Fund 41,811; TAS Midwest 1,078; Team Mechanical Inc 19,400; Techstar America Corporation 2,569; TEM Inc. 1,045; Tempus Construction Services 16,482; TRS 342,411; TRS 2.2 Upgrade 14,645; US Waterproofing 8,628; Ukleja, Donald 1,020; Variable Annuity Life Ins. Company 2,400; Videomaster 4,583; Village of Fox Lake 9,034; Waste Management North 10,497; Weekly Reader 1,042; Window Pains 1,669; Wirth, Mary 25,425; Wisconsin Department of Revenue 14,616; Wisconsin SCTF 3,805; Xerox Corporation 1,438; York International Corporation 7,250; Zaner-Bloser Ed Publishers 1,045.

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1. Create an organizational plan. Establish work stations like a restaurant does and keep related items at each station: prep area, cooking, baking and cleaning.
2. Purchase storage solutions. Plastic bins, baskets, containers, racks and freestanding units are inexpensive storage ideas. You can find deals at dollar stores, or check stores that carry overstocks, closeouts and slightly dented items. You may even be able to re-use items you already own. For instance, a shoebox covered with the same contact paper as your shelves can store spice bottles. If you are short on cabinet space but have plenty of wall space, try using an old bureau to store canned goods, towels, extra dishes or cookware. Don't forget to nest items inside one another to maximize space.
3. Every item needs its own home. When items have a designated place, they tend to get put away. If they don't, they tend to get lost. Utilize bins and baskets wherever possible to keep "like things" together and readily accessible. Go vertical to free up horizontal space. Utilize the empty vertical wall space in a nearby closet by installing shelves that can be used to store canned goods. Install hanging broom and mop holders. Employ hooks, pegboards and Lazy Susans. If your counter space is at a premium, mount some of your small appliances under the cabinets.
4. Toss clutter. Get rid of what is old and what you don't use. Check expiration dates of herbs, yeast, baking powder, etc. Throw out cooking gadgets that are gathering dust. Remove items on counters that don't belong in the kitchen.
5. Organize for maximum efficiency. Place items near each other if they will be used together. If your coffee maker sits on the counter, store the coffee cups, filters and sugar in the cabinet above it.
6. Clean everything. Tackle cabinets, drawers, shelves, countertops, refrigerator, oven, etc.



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BEAUTIFUL CONTEMPORARY

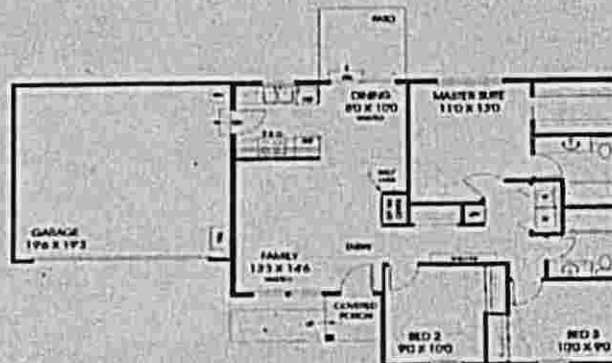
Rare find in Cedar Crest Subdivision! 3 bdrm., 2.1 bath w/fin. bsmt. & upgrades galore! Home has lake rights to Petite Lake (motors ok), park access & launch. Home features new flooring & new carpet! Fresh paint & fenced-in yard! Agent owned.
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The master suite is quite a surprise for a home this size. A big sleeping area, huge

DRIFTWOOD



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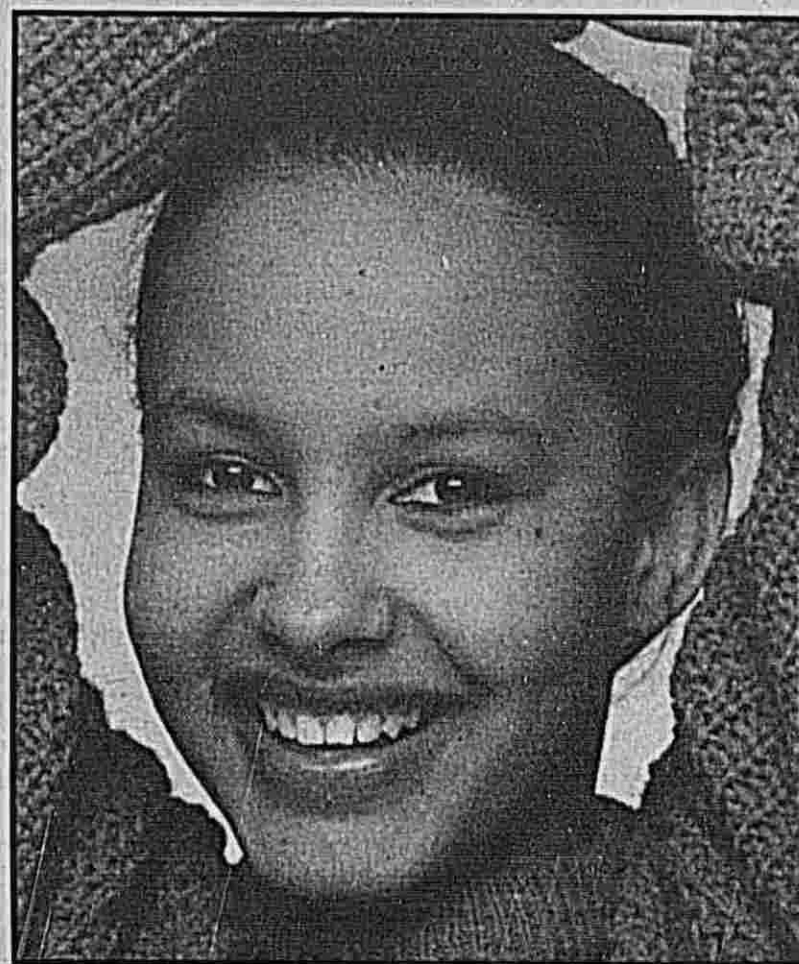
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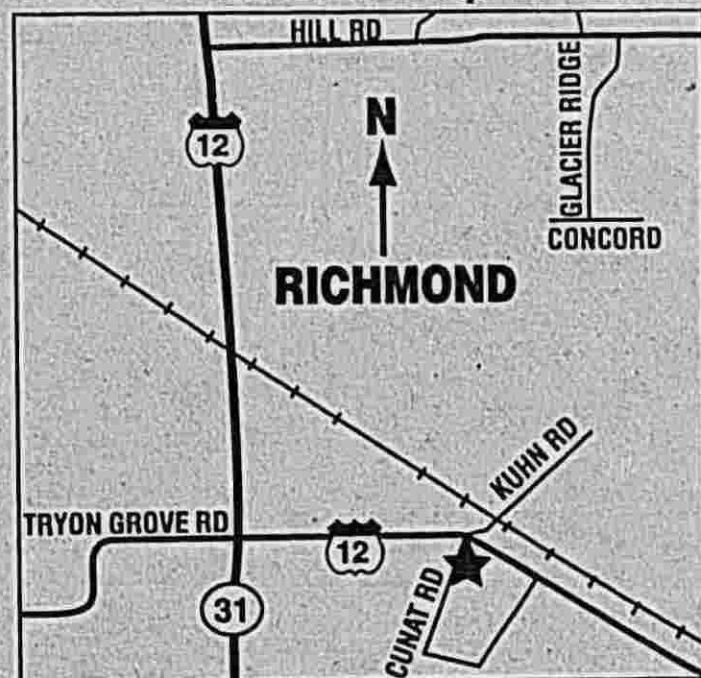
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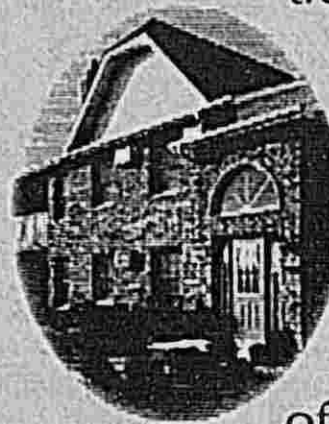


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Vent-free gas appliances offer an elegant, convenient and safe way to heat your home

Homeowners in 49 states now have the option of installing vent-free gas appliances in their homes, thanks to building and mechanical code updates that reflect today's modern standards. The beauty of vent-free gas products — fireplaces, logs, inserts, stoves and space heaters — is that they don't require a ventilation system, so you don't need a chimney or a hole in the wall to use them. All you need is access to a natural gas or propane supply line. That means you can install a hearth in just about any location in your home.

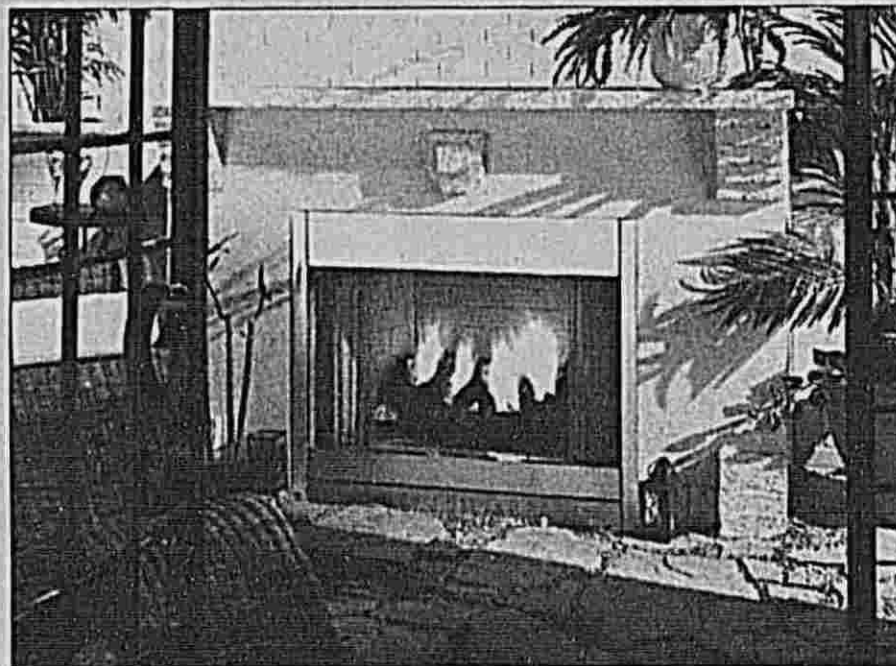
Save money

Besides their convenience, there are money savings and emergency heating advantages to using vent-free appliances. No wonder they are now being used in more than 14 million American homes for 99 percent efficient supplemental heating. Vent-free products range from 5,000 to 40,000 BTUs, including 8,000 to 10,000 BTU units for bedrooms. Because most vent-free gas products do not require electricity, they can provide emergency heating during power failures.

But not all U.S. homeowners can take advantage of vent-free appliances. Most codes in the U.S. do allow for such appliances. However, there are some localities that adhere to the Uniform Mechanical Code (UMC) which does not allow the use of vent-free gas units in homes. To find out if you can use these appliances in your state, visit www.iccsafe.org and click on the state located in the left margin of the home page.

Breathe easier

It's been proven that homeowners can breathe easier when using vent-free gas products in their homes. The Vent-Free Gas Products Alliance — a coalition of members of the Vent-Free Gas Products Division of GAMA, an association of appliance and equipment manufacturers — continually commissions independent research studies to demonstrate that homeowners can, in fact, breathe easier with vent-free gas products. For example, a rigorous and comprehensive study completed in December 2002, by Risksciences, LLC, an independent scientific consulting firm, found that for the vast majority of homes in the U.S., vent-free gas heating products DID



Vent-free gas appliances, like this fireplace, can be installed and enjoyed by homeowners in 49 states.

NOT generate enough water vapor to raise indoor humidity levels high enough to foster mold growth (see www.vent-free.org for details).

For many people, however, humidity can be a good thing, especially during the cold months of the year, when the relative humidity is low. Health studies have shown that increasing the indoor relative humidity results in a reduction of respiratory illnesses. AHAM, the trade association for the humidifier industry, recommends a 60 percent indoor relative humidity. To improve the level of human comfort and reduce symptoms like a scratchy throat, many people add humidification to their homes with a portable or whole-house system.

Be safe



Not only can homeowners breathe easier when using vent-free gas products, they can do so in a safe environment. Every vent-free gas product sold in the U.S. is equipped with an oxygen detection safety-pilot (ODS) which automatically shuts off the gas supply if a room's oxygen level becomes too low. Since the introduction of the ODS in 1980, vent-free gas products have achieved outstanding safety records.

Learn more


Details on both independent research studies as well as sizing guidelines and complete information on vent-free gas appliances are available in the newly-updated 16-page "Consumer Guide to Vent-Free Gas Products." The guide features new sections on "commonly-asked questions about vent-free gas appliances" and results of an independent research study showing indoor relative humidity for all homes with and without vent-free gas appliances.

For your free copy, write to the Vent-Free Gas Products Alliance at 2107 Wilson Blvd., Suite 600, Arlington, VA, 22201; e-mail mcarrson@gamanet.org; or visit www.ventfree.org.

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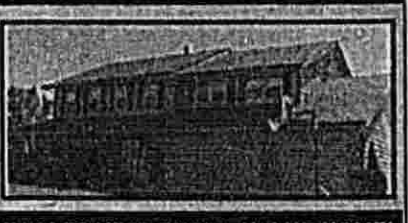
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39874 Long Dr., 336,000
23 Hague, 225,000
269 Lakewood Dr., 206,250
293 Pamela Court, 154,900
40352 Margaret, 127,500
40078 Circle Ave., 212,000

FOX LAKE

231 Rainier Way, 159,900
16 Elm, 184,900
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8541 Cedar St., 226,500
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131 Forest, 99,000
8609 Sycamore Court, 194,000
582 Fox Ridge Dr., 142,000
121 Eagle Point, 137,500
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1216 Sandpiper Court, 340,000
970 Ellsworth Dr., 175,000
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562 Pierce Court, 179,900
204 Amendola, 141,500
17541 Warren Ave., 264,000
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611 Waterford Dr., 358,000
1405 Cheriton Circle, 260,000
1379 Amherst, 241,000
972 Ellsworth, 170,000
633 Dove Court, 142,000

GURNEE

6292 Eagle Ridge Dr., 188,000
1398 Almaden Lane, 312,900
3406 Sherman Ave., 120,100
84 Foxboro Lane, 312,000
6295 Eagle Ridge Dr., 214,400
4275 Chatham Ave., 388,863
351 Belle Plaine Dr., 225,500
7216 Brae Ct., 699,900
5070 Grand, 236,500
17807 Braewick, 160,000
7776 Milan Way, 290,000
17775 Braewick, 162,000
3751 Keith Ave., 269,900
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291 Jennifer Court, 317,700
6696 Revere Court, 648,000
17300 Westwind Dr., 176,000
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HAINESVILLE

432 Whitetail Dr., 224,900
132 Brittany Lane, 182,000
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81 Haines Dr., 184,294
406 Patrio Dr., 184,202

ISLAND LAKE

513 Yale, 139,500
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615 Pleasant Place, 117,000
678 Yale Lane, 127,000

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211 Northern Terrace, 159,000

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Lot 82 Arcade, 205,000
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18816 Wildflower Way, 400,395
570 Huntington Circle, 345,000
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26 Sheehan, 197,750
415 Hubbard Ln., 265,000
20555 Sienna, 163,500
36517 Nathan Hale Dr., 35,000
0 Fairfield Rd., 249,900
34819 Lakeshore, 567,500
20683 Lake Court, 185,000
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38747 Highway 59, 169,900
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612 Rockland Road, 276,500
234 Butterfield, 240,000
30408 Oak Grove, 245,000
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311 Drake, 290,000
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904 Red Top Dr., 349,500
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344 Fieldstone, 170,985
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512 County, 115,000
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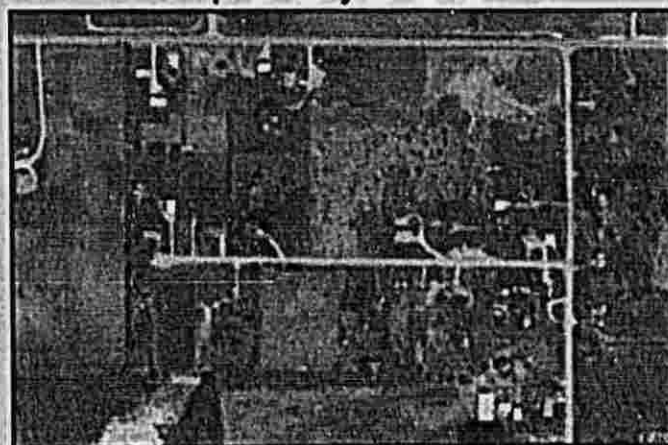
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Hard water is defined as water containing a high level of calcium, magnesium, and other minerals. Hard water reduces the cleansing power of soap and produces crusted deposits, known as scales, in hot water lines and appliances. But how does ordinary water get this way?

Water is a solvent that easily picks up impurities. As water moves through soil and rock, it dissolves very small amounts of minerals. Calcium and magnesium dissolved in water are the two most common minerals that make water "hard." The degree of hardness increases as the calcium and magnesium content rises.

Tell-tale signs

Hard water does not pose a health risk, but it is a nuisance that's costly for homeowners to repair. It can cause mineral buildup in plumbing and appliances, which in turn can cause

scaling in pipes and appliances that interferes with the cleaning power of soaps and detergents. In addition, buildup can block pipes, preventing water from flowing through them smoothly.

Since water is used for many tasks, hard water interferes with almost every daily activity, from laundering and dishwashing to bathing and personal grooming. Clothes washed in hard water may appear dingy and discolored and feel harsh and scratchy. Dishes and glasses may be spotted when dry. Hard water may create a film on glass shower doors, shower walls, bathtubs, sinks, faucets, etc. Hair washed in hard water may feel sticky and look dull and flat.

Treating the problem

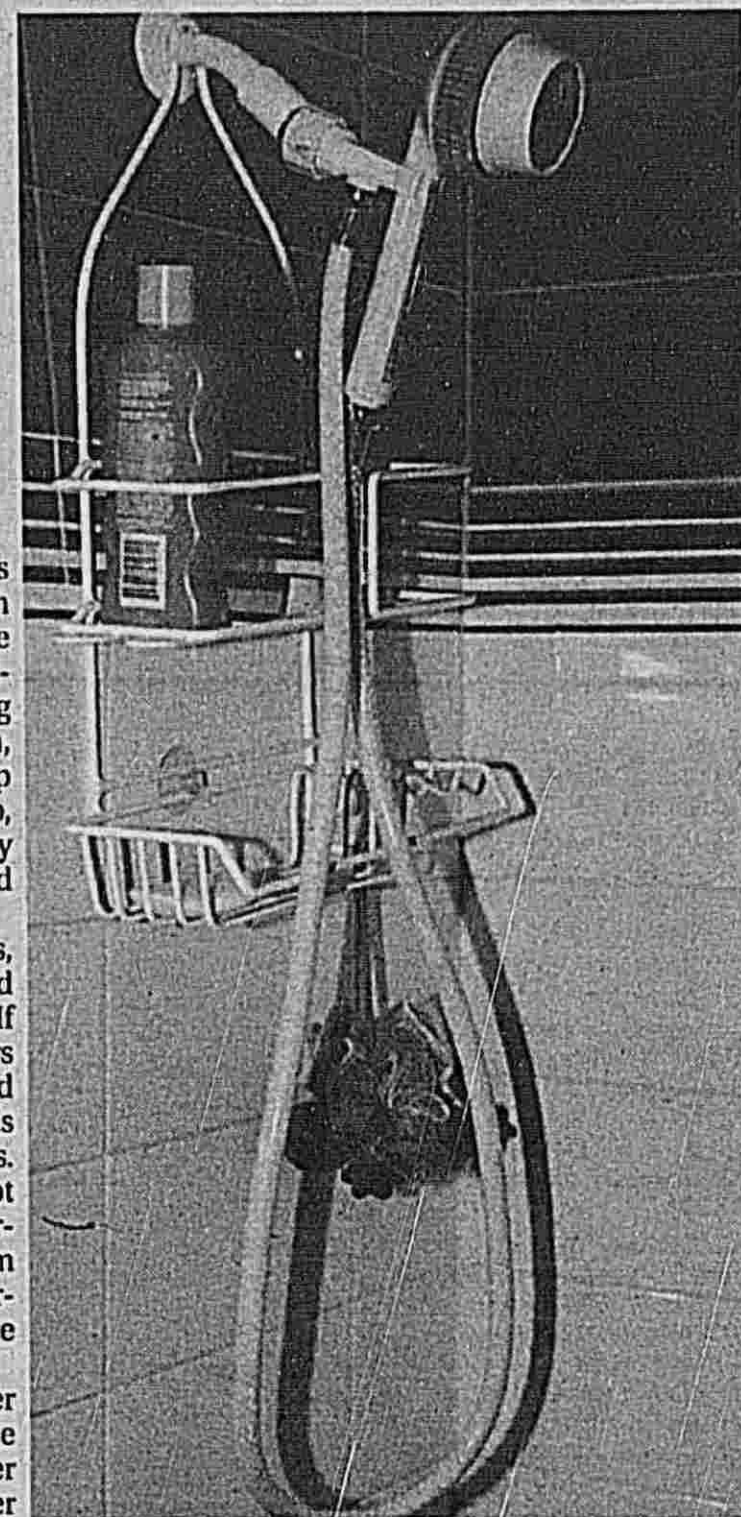
It's up to you whether you want to soften your water or not. Hard water does not affect health, but you may consider softening water to avoid damage to plumbing and appliances. There are two ways to help control water hardness: Add a powdered or liquid softener to a batch of water (washing machine or tub depending upon use), or use an ion exchange water-softening unit on your water system.

Powdered or liquid water softeners contain chemicals that help control water hardness. They fall into two categories: precipitating and non-precipitating.

Precipitating water softeners include washing soda and borax, which are poured into the bath or laundry like detergent. These chemicals prevent calcium and magnesium from interfering with cleaning products. Without them, you may have cloudy water and a soap scum-like appearance on tiles. Also, precipitating water softeners may increase the alkalinity of detergents and soaps, which may irritate the skin.

Non-precipitating water softeners, or ion transfer systems, are installed directly into a home's water system. If used in high quantity, these softeners also block calcium and magnesium, and may dissolve scaling. Sodium, or salt, is the main component of these systems. Water softened by this method is not recommended for watering plants, gardens or lawns since its high sodium content can harm plants. You can purchase these softeners at hardware stores.

If you suspect that you have hard water in your home, request a test from the municipal water company or another certified specialist or use a home-water test. Only then can you accurately determine if a softening system is the right option for you.



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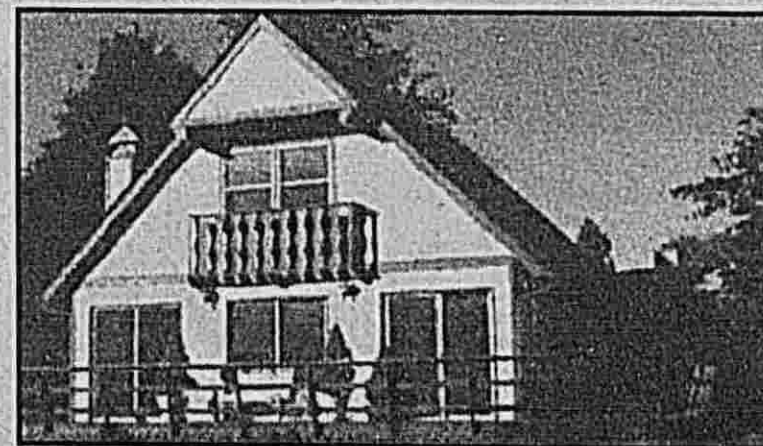


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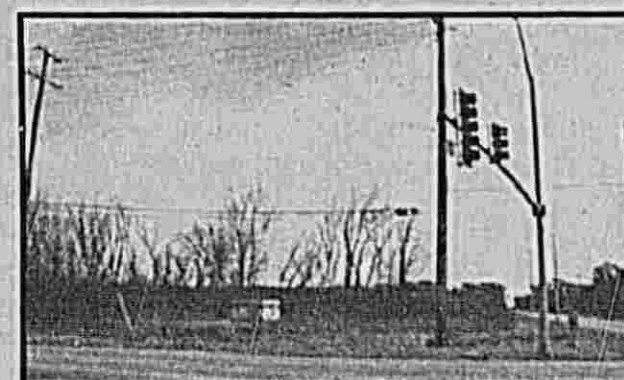


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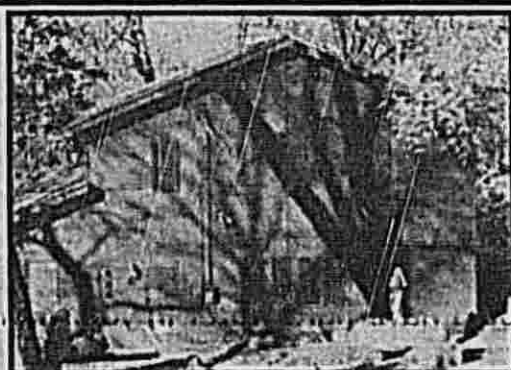
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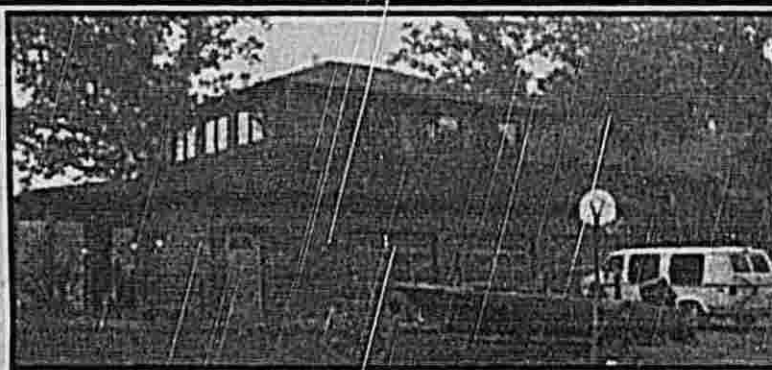
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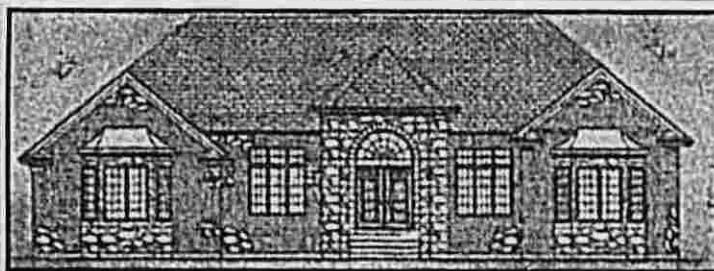
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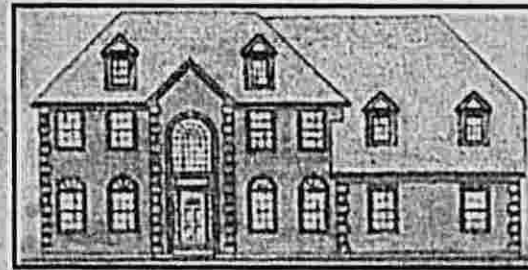
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